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Apollo Bunder, Bombay, 30th September, 1905.

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A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, the 29th September, 1905.

FASHION.

OUR client Capt. G. COX, of Ichapore, in general having provided for payment of monthly expenses, [illegible] to hereby [illegible] will NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for [illegible] Contracted by any person without [illegible] written [illegible]

Pleader,
Attorney-at-Law, G. COX.

Hissing Street.
Calcutta, 23rd September, 1905.

THE INDIAN COTTON COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of [illegible] per share will be paid to the Registered Shareholders on and after 2nd October 1905, on production of their share certificates.

GADDUM & CO.,
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Bombay, 30th September, 1905.

POSTAL NOTICE.

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A. H. TANSHAWE,
Director General of the Post Office of India.

Calcutta, the 30th September, 1905.

PROSPECTUS.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

ASSISTANT SURGEON BRANCH.

A PUBLIC COMPETITIVE Examination will be held on MONDAY, the 13th October 1905 at [illegible] for the purpose of admission to the Indian Subordinate Medical Department. [illegible] there is a vacancy in the [illegible]

Candidates must be [illegible] Medical College, Bombay.

For [illegible] Medical Officers, Karachi Grant Medical College, Bombay, [illegible] Civil Surgeon, Karachi.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

The Bombay mails of 16th inst., arrived at Brindisi, yesterday.

SECURITIES—

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	£89 3-8	= —1-16
3 do. Rentes	99 1-4	= —1-4
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£101 1-2	= unchanged
3 1-4 per cent Indian Refunded Rupee Paper	£89 7/16	= do

SILVER—

Spot in London	23 3 16	= —1-4
2 months hence	7 11-16	= —1-4
Spot in New York	60 7-8	= —5-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25 16 1-2	= unchanged
Berlin	20 43 1-4	= do
New York Demand	4 55 1-4	= —1-4

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4 per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 1-4 per cent	= —1-4
6 „ „ „	3 3-8 per cent	= —1-8
3 „ „ Fine Trade Bills	3 3-4 per cent	= —1-8
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 per cent	= —1-8

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	3 1-8 per cent	= —1-8
7 day market loans	3 1-4 per cent	= —1-8

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 11 9 Sept. nominal quiet
RAPESEED—
Brown 36 S-O sellers firm
LINSEED—
Linseed Sold 33 O-N done steady
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 8 11 13

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

	£
Silver to Bombay	150,000
Gold to Bombay	60,000
Silver to Hongkong	27,000

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total Sales 8,000. Spot 5·74 plus 3. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 15-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 4,000. Futures closed steady.

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·67 +4	5·68 +4	5·71 +5
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·74 +5	5·77 +5	5·79 +5
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May	May-June
5·81 +5	5·82 +5	5·81 +5

Receipts at U S Ports 47,000
Do last year 69,000
Exports to Great Britain 12,000
Do. do Continent 54,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	10·35 — 5
Futures, month of Dec	10·61 — 11
Do do. March	10 81 —12

a Declined owing to liquidation and bear pressure and bull's unloading.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	10 7-13
Futures, month of Dec	10·61 — 5
Do. do. March	10·87 — 5
Tone at close	steady

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Friday, 29th Sept. 1905 :—

Cotton	673	bales.
Wheat	12,761	owts.
Linseed	930	do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	461	do
Gingelly seed	1,161	do
Poppyseed	10	do
Groundnuts	315	do
Castorseed	1,295	do
Rice	2,500	do
Myrabollams	nil	
Cottonseed	2,280	do
Mowraseed	533	do
Gram	1,417	do
Jowar	2,416	do
Maize	2	do

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.
155 Bars Silver
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BOMBAY, SEPT. 30.

COTTON

	Bales.
Weeks receipts at U. S. ports	391,000
Do. exports to Great Britain	51,000
Do. do. Continent	104,000
Stock at U. S. ports	660,000
Do. do. Interior ports	843,000

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	1s. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand	1s. 4 1-16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D.A.	1s. 9-32
Do. 6 do. do.	1s. 13-32
French Francs 3 do. do.	170 3-4
Marcks 3 do. do.	138 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days Sight	141 1-2
Shanghai 30 do.	195
Japan 30 do.	149 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	99·0
1st Settlement 2nd October	99·0
2nd do. 1st November	98·15

Money Market, Tone steady.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 29th Sept.	5	do.
Bank of Bengal do. 17th Aug.	4	do.
Bank of Madras do. 10th July	4	do.

SEEDS.
LINSEED—Tone firm.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	6	8	0
Forward December	6	10	0

RAPESEED.—Tone steady.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6	6	0
Yellow Gusarat, Ready	7	0	0

POPPYSEED—Tone steady.

Ready	6	15	0

CASTORSEED—Tone steady.

Ready	28	8	0

GINGELLYSEED—Tone steady.

Howree Khandeish	39	0	0
15 per cent. Mixed	36	0	0

WHEAT—Tone steady.

White Delhi Ready	4	12	0
Do Pissy 15 per cent	4	14	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.
Tone—easier.
Estimated sales ..... 4,000 bales
Imports ..... 5 000 „

Sept.-Oct. 5·61 —1	Oct.-Nov. 5·61 —1	Nov-Dec. 5·61 —1
Dec.-Jar. 5·64 —1	Jan.-Feb. 5·71 —1	Feb.-Mar. 5·73 —1
Mar.-April 5·75 —1	April-May 5·76 —1	May-June 5·78 —1

COTTON.—The market is somewhat easier to day, and prices have declined, without adding much to the volume of business previously passing. The closing quotations in the "Sutta" bazaar are as follows :—

Bengals Fully Good, January Rs.	.....	185
Broach M.-G. Good March	„	235

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	quiet
Good Oomrawuttee	...
The Manchester Market has been	steady
2 1/2 per cent Consols	89 3-8
3 per cent Rentes	99 1-2
3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan	104 1-2
3 1/2 per cent Rupee Papers	86 7/16
Bar Silver	23 3-16

FAREWELL TO A SCHOOL MASTER.

IN view of the departure of Mr. J. N. Vachharajani, Head Master of the Visnagar A. V. School on being transferred to Poladi the students held a meeting on Friday when the following address was presented :—

To Mr. Jadavraj Narbheram Vachharajani M. A., Head Master Anglo-Vernacular School Visnagar.

Dear Sir,—We the students of the Visnagar Anglo-Vernacular School beg to approach you with the following address on the eve of your departure from this place. During the short tenure of your stay here you have, by your admirable qualities both of head and heart endeared your self to the students of this school. It goes without saying that you never spared any pains, both by advice and instructions to improve the students entrusted to your care. Your high academical career is amply justified by the uniform kindness you showed towards us, your abilities your earnestness, excellent method of teaching, your gentlemanner—all these Sir, were conspicuous in an eminent degree and all helped doubtless to improve us and draw even the dullest. Lastly, we take this opportunity to express the opinion of all concerned to observe that but for your timely and judicious appointment as the head of this school all the dignified discipline and the reputed prosperity of this School, so ably achieved and successfully maintained by the unreserved diligence and personal magnetism of your late predecessor ;—we mean the late Head Master Mr. Gokuldas (thanks to God that he is offered a lucrative post) all these would have been too much snatched. As the same time we cannot but hope that the new Head Master will prove a decided substitute for his immediate predecessors. Our cordial wishes for your health and success will follow you wherever you will go and we hope that you will not allow time to weak the bond of affection that exists between us.—We beg to remain Sir, Yours &c.

PUPILS, ANGLO-VERNACULAR SCHOOL.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON SATURDAY, THE 30TH SEPT.

SUMMARY.

Pressure change have been small and irregular. The variations from normal are generally small.

Wind are very variable in direction and the force has been feeble to light.

Temperature.—The day temperature has been from 5° to 10° in excess of normal at several stations in the Madras Presidency and over the Deccan. The night temperature has also been 5° to 8° in excess at Cuddapah, Bellary, Hyderabad (Deccan), Bijapur, Sholapur and Ahmedabad. The highest temperature in the shade was 100° at Jacobabad and the lowest 56° at Belgaum.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Berar, the Central Provinces, along the coast from Calicut to Bombay and at Trichinopoly, Madras, Masulipatam, Hyderabad (Deccan) and Sholapur.

Rain.—Only six stations report rain to day, the chief falls being 1·15" at Jhansi and about half an inch at Colombo and Singore.

Weather.—Pressure is remarkably uniform over a large area and weather is unusually hot in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies. Local rain appears likely here and there.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

HIGH COURT.—October 2.

Before the Hon the Chief Justice and the Hon Mr. Justice Jenkins Batty.
Appeal for hearing and final disposal

1392—K B Mulla—Bai Gangabai widow and another vs Mooltidhar Dhanji—Bicknell M and R
1396—Wadia G and Co—Canoo Prosein and others vs The Bombay Fire Marine Insurance Co, Limited and others—Cragie Lund Co
1403—Dikshit D and S—Surajmul Govindram vs Kedarmal Bhuramal—Wadia G and Co
1355—Dikshit D and S—Dahibai widow vs Velji Lakhmichand—Kanga and P

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B TYRJEE.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Cause.

613-04—Thakurdas and Co—Velji Soonderji and Co vs Sucabhai Vajechanicer and others—Bhaishunker K and G and Little and Co—Part heard

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice CHANDAVARKAR.
For dismissal.

548-04—Little and Co—G Mavrides and others vs G H H Hicks and another—Daphtary F and D.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

333-05—Dikshit D and S—Lalji Ramji vs Haridas Gokuldas and others—M B Chothia
404-04—M B Chothia Laxmidas Gordhundas and others vs The Administrator General of Bombay and others—Dikshit D and S.
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409-04—Ardeser H D and C—Kharshedjee Byramjee vs Ardeser Jeevanjee and another
753-04—Nadirsha and T—For paraser Bhanibai widow vs Viljee Khoda and others—K B Mehta
340—04—Matubhoy J and M—Jamnabai widow vs Ramdas Kababhai and another—Jehangir and S and Bhaishunker K and J

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BATCHELOR.
For Judgment.

319-05—Pestonji R and K—Bhawoo Bopoo and another vs Cooverji Jamsetji Daruvala and another—Ardeser H D and Co
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650-03—Tyabjee D and Co—Raja Goculdas vs Khushalchand and others vs The Bank of Bombay and others—Crawford B and Co and Thakurdas and Co
495-02—Kanga and P—Gangaram Pranjiwandas and another vs Nanabhai Valechand and another—Tyabji D and Co
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MARRIAGE.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BATTYE—August 30, at H B M Consulate General, Meshed, North Persia, the wife of Captain W R Battye, I M S, of a son.
BABINGTON—September 25 at the Cordite Factory Aruvankad Nilgiri Hills, the wife of Major D M Babington, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.
KENDRICK—September 10 at Sussex House, Mussoorie, the wife of Clayton Kendrick, Calcutta Landing and Shipping Co., of a daughter.
MEREDYTH-YOUNG—September 23, at Murree, the wife of Mr M G Meredyth-Young, Punjab Provincial Civil Service, of a daughter.
NEWMAN—September 4, at Hazaribagh, the wife of Major E A B Newman, I M S, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

McCREA—EDWARDS—September 18, at S Nicholas Church, Naini Tal, by the Rev A H Langridge, George Robert Stanhope McCrea, R M S, to Mabel Emily, only daughter of the late Mr C W Edwards, of Guildford, Surrey, and Mrs Edwards.
PHILLIPS—WARD—September 23, at All Saints' Church, Srinagar, by the Rev Cecil Tyndale-Biscoe, assisted by the Rev A Selwyn Chaplain of Srinagar, Eskrick Sidney Phillips, B G A, son of Henry Fitzherbert Phillips, Esq, late of Heathbury Hills, Staffordshire, to Georgina Evelyn Ward, eldest daughter of Colonel Arthur Edward Ward and Mrs Ward.

DEATHS.

BEAMISH—September 25, at Jhansi, Captain G C Beamish, I M S, 87th Punjabis.
COOPER—September 17, at Aligarh, U P, Henry David Cooper, M R C S, University College, London, in his 72 d year.
RENTON—September 3, at Secunderabad, Deccan, Helen Margaret Hill, infant daughter of Major C C Renton, 9th Berar Infantry, aged 19 months.

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Ahmedabad Advance Mills, Navsari Buildings, 3-30 p m.
Bombay Land Improvement and Trading Company, 91 Meadow Street, 5 p. m.
St Mary's Boys' Annual Athletic Sports, 4 p. m
Novelty Theatre Gardner-Brown Variety Company.

ACCIDENT TO A BARRISTER-AT-LAW.—On Friday evening, as Mr. F. R. Wiseglf, a member of the Bombay Bar, was getting out of a train at the Bandora railway station, his foot accidentally slipped, and he fell between the platform and the carriages, injuring one of his legs. Prompt assistance was rendered, and Mr. Wiseglf was extricated from his perilous position.

THE REV. R. SCOTT.—The Rev. R Scott the esteemed and popular Professor of Wilson College, and Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society left Bombay by the mail steamer on Sunday. At the Ballard Pier, Mr. Scott was given a hearty reception by students and ex-students of the College, who garlanded him and presented him with many bouquets of flowers, cheering him enthusiastically as he proceeded in a steam launch to the mail boat.

MUSIC AT THE APOLLO BUNDER.—The Bunder String Band will play the following programme of music at Messrs. W. B. Green & Co.'s Apollo Bunder Restaurant, to-day, during dinner hours :—

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VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT IN BOMBAY.—The Gardner Brown Variety Co., which opens a five days' visit at the Novelty Theatre this evening, comes via Poona, where it has been doing—in theatrical parlance—good business. The Company is a good one and the fact that the programme is entirely differ nt each night means plenty of hard work for the performers. Miss Lottie Walton, Madam Gardner Brown and Miss Annie Russell contribute solos, the second introducing illustrated songs which have become a popular feature in London at the Colliseum. The sisters Romaine as duettists and dancers contribute a lively turn while Georgs Gulliver and Leo Montague comprise the humourous masculine element. In addition there is the Bioscope which shows several scenes from the war in the Far East.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.—A Hindu woman named Luxmibai, residing at Connaught Road, when proceeding along the Parel Road in company with her young daughter named Phoolbai, on Friday last, was accosted by one Ramprasad Ramkhodan, a Purbesi, who asked her to go with him to upcountry. The reason why Ramprasad asked Luxmibai to go with her was that the latter was in the protection of the former for about three years until recently when Ramprasad forcibly removed gold and silver ornaments from his mistress body, who thereupon refused to go with him. Ramprasad remonstrated with her and on the junction of the Shepherd and Parel Roads, he struck her with a clasp knife inflicting her several wounds on various parts of the body. An alarm being raised, Ramprasad ran away, throwing the clasp knife in the compound of the Jewish Synagogue. He was given a chase and arrested. Luxmibai was taken to the J. J. Hospital. She recognized Ramprasad as the man, who had assaulted and wounded her.

THE funeral of Brig.-Gen. Graves took place at Sierra Leone on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 7, the coffin being followed to the grave by a procession of military and civil authorities. The usual salutes were fired. Mr. Haddon Smith, the Colonial Secretary, has been sworn as acting Governor before the Executive Council, and Mr. Evelyn, Assistant Colonial Secretary, has been appointed Acting Colonial Secretary.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

THE HEAVY MOTOR-CAR ORDER.

IT is not unlikely that during the next few months complaints may be heard of the attitude of local authorities towards the heavy motor vehicle. In the Motor-Car Act of 1903 a clause was inserted which gave powers to the Local Government Board to arrange regulations for the conduct of heavy motor-cars. These regulations were only issued on December 20 of last year, after the entire heavy motor industry had been more or less "held up" for a year. When they were finally issued in the "Heavy Motor-Car Order, 1904," it was discovered that many of the heavy motor vehicles on the road were nearly seven tons in weight unladen, whereas the order prescribed a maximum unladen weight of five tons. The new regulations came into force on March 1, but in order that owners of seven-ton vehicles should not be deprived of the use of them, it was arranged that all such vehicles re-registered before September 1 of the present year should be allowed on the highway so long as they did not exceed, when laden, a total weight of twelve tons. Allowing a full ton for the weight of the water and fuel, the seven-ton vehicle can, therefore, carry now from three to four tons of goods, instead of the six or seven tons, it had been accustomed previously to carry, whilst the five-ton vehicle can carry six tons. The heavier vehicles are, therefore, penalised from two to three tons in carrying capacity.

Now that the six months' period mentioned in the order has elapsed, and all heavy motor vehicles are subject to the new regulations, the owners and drivers of such vehicles should be fully prepared to uphold their rights in the event of the highway authorities being tempted to abuse the powers entrusted to them by the Local Government Board. According to the new order, the unladen weight of each heavy vehicle and the maximum weights each axle is allowed to support, must be registered and painted clearly upon the side of each vehicle; and according to these registered weights the speed is defined. Thus, a car of weight, unladen, exceeding three tons must not travel at more than five miles per hour, whether laden or unladen. If annoyance is to be experienced, however, it is likely to come from the local highway authorities, for if the latter imagine that the weight borne on a heavy motor vehicles exceeds that allowed according to the registration they are entitled to compel the driver to take the vehicle to a weighbridge and have the accuracy of the load upon the axles tested. But this must be done by a duly "authorised officer of the registering authority or other council," and provided that the vehicle in question is within half a mile by road from a public weighing machine or other weighing machine which is conveniently accessible. It is well that every one interested in the heavy motor industry should recognise these facts and be prepared to resist any attempted interference which does not strictly comply with the conditions defined by the Local Government Board.

A good many letters have been written from time to time to the press, motor and otherwise, giving all sorts of suggestions for curbing, penalising, fleecing, or stamping out motorists of every degree. Some of the ideas promulgated have been ludicrous in their absurdity; others would be eminently good if motor-cars were, say, the germs of a new disease that had to be eradicated; and, again, others have much sense, but are pretty well impossible of application by legislation. It has been advocated that no cars should be licensed over a certain horse-power. This is full of above ditties, of course, because even a seven horse-power runabout can exceed the limit on the level. All cars must have a higher power than is necessary for full load on the level, because it is far better to run at half-power than to have to push a car to its utmost in order to be able to run at about the legal limit with its complement of passengers. Running a car "all out" is very bad, and means much wear and tear; while a reserve of power means ability to get up hills well, longer life to the car, less vibration and consequently more comfort, and the maintenance of good average speed over long distances.

Taxation by horse-power is not a bad idea for pleasure cars, but would be distinctly hard upon trade cars and motor-buses. A man who owns a thirty horse-power car is generally one who can afford to pay for more than the user of a light car, but until the revenue derived from the taxation of motor-cars is put to its proper use—namely, that of maintaining, widening, and improving the roads—the idea is not to be entertained. The main cause of the outcry against motors is undoubtedly the excessive speed that some cars are driven at. At any rate, the thousand and one police traps that are worked are for the alleged reason of correcting excessive speed, and the idea that all cars should be compelled to use speedometers is one that is full of common sense and justice. A good many owners of cars who are desirous of keeping to the letter of the law have fitted speed indicators to their wheels, and, in some instances, when they have been summoned by skulking policemen working a trap over an unfair and inadequate stretch of a couple of hundred yards of road with the aid of cheap and inaccurate Swiss-made stop-watches, the motorist has been lucky enough to appear before that "rara avis," an unprejudiced magistrate. In other cases, however, notwithstanding the fact that the motorist has driven his car strictly within the legal limit according to his speed indicator, an expensive and scientifically constructed instrument, a bad-tempered bully on the bench has utterly ignored such evidence even when an expert has managed to state that the indicator has been thoroughly tested since the summons and found absolutely correct. It is, therefore, evidence that even a strong desire to keep to the limit and avoid wittingly an excessive speed, by using an indicator is not always a safeguard when one has the misfortune to be haled before a bench-hog, as Mr. Labouchere has aptly termed unjustice who tries the case.

The last three words are wrong, of course. Many cases are not tried at all; they are pre-judged. A motorist attends the court the case is called, he is charged with having driven at such and such a speed on a certain date, fined five pounds and costs, all in one breath, and not allowed to say anything in his defence. This sort of thing has actually become a positive scandal. It does not happen in isolated instances, but one continually hears of such cases. Some policemen are now diabolically clever in using the horrid phraseology of the Motor Acts for their purposes. To be quite sure of bagging fines, they now charge people with having driven at an excessive speed in view of the "traffic which might have been about at the time." Quite lately a certain justice has fined car-owners because when passing a certain crossroad they drove at a greater speed than two miles an hour, which in his estimation was the maximum for safety. Even the police who worked the trap said five or six miles would be safe but evidently a motor-car is an abomination to this gentle

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J. H. DuBOULAY,
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.
Dated Ganeshkhind 29th September, 1905.

The Bombay Gazette

MONDAY, OCT. 2, 1905.

MILL LABOUR IN BOMBAY.

THE Council of the Bombay Presidency, Association decided, the other day, to appoint a Committee to investigate and report upon the conditions of mill labour in this city. The Presidency Association is a self-elected body which has done occasional good by assisting in the consideration of public affairs, and we welcome its action in this matter, not because we believe it will be able to get at the bed-rock of fact any more accurately than the enthusiastic gentleman who attempted the task some short time ago, but because we believe the Committee will go to work soberly and will seek to give the Association a true statement of the case instead of insulting its intelligence by sensational cries of "cold blooded inhumanity" and the like. At the same time it must be remembered that neither the Association nor its Committee has the power to call for evidence, either on one side or the other. They cannot demand statements, returns or information. They can only invite testimony, but we doubt not many mill-managers and owners will willingly furnish such information as they possess—for the membership of the Association, we believe, includes several of their class. Neither will they write of of Bombay's Slave, for the slave in this country is not the mill-hand, nor the sweeper who receives a scowl in acknowledgement of his "salaam," but the white man, who comes out here, teaches the native all he knows and then finds himself boycotted for his pains. He works more hours, performs more arduous duties and, comparatively to his needs, receives less pay, while the "Swadeshi" employer who most profits by his skill drives along where he must go afoot. The Presidency Association will, perhaps, not acknowledge this. They may directly achieve very little. But indirectly we believe they will be instrumental in bringing about an official inquiry which may lead to legislation, if such legislation be found necessary. Government may be led to appoint a Committee, consisting, say of a Civilian as president and a Millowner and a representative of the labourers as members, endowing them with power to examine on oath and to permit representation of the several interests by counsel.

Such a Committee would be able to get at the truth and to extract a measure of wheat, though perhaps a small measure, from the immeasurable deal of chaff which has been served up to us lately. They would, we imagine, find the evidence of Mr. Talcherkar of value, for in the excellent letter he wrote to us, the other day, he classifies the hands to be met with in the mills clearly defines who are and who are not entitled to consideration. "The model hand, steady, sober and regular in attendance, reliable, who knows his duty to his employers," he is the only one who requires any consideration at all. But whatever may be the case with the others, take the mill-hand all round, he is the happiest working man to be found in India, and if he had more leisure he would degenerate in health and spirits by greater opportunities for carousals and attending the bhajan entertainments. It is no use soliciting sympathy for them because in reply to a question some one says : "We make little ; the managers make all." That is only a synonymic phrase for "gharib admi bai." It is the excuse of the gharrywalla who returns his fare four annas instead of eight and of the hamal who breaks the domestic glass and china. But an enthusiastic or an emotionalist correspondent with a flowing pen will serve up the idea in such polished periods and rounded sentences, here a moral and there a sentiment, as would make a marble statue weep for the "gharib admi," who is very frequently a fraud. Even the Pharisee of old would have smitten his sides and cried "gharib admi" if he had known what ill-repute he was to fall into for thanking God he was not as other men. The shrill whistles which are heard in the Bombay mills are identical with those heard in cotton-mills throughout the world. They do not mean "Clear out," but "Look out" and are not for the ears of illicitly employed infants, but for men who are slumbering beneath idle machines and who are thus apprised of the approach of one clothed in authority and white drill.

Nevertheless, we are inclined to believe that the 'investigation" of the Committee of the Presidency Association, or the Commission of Inquiry which Government may be induced to appoint, will discover some crooked points to set straight. Mills are private concerns and the law avoids interference in their internal management unless there is something so seriously wrong as to demand it Before Mr. Procter, Mr. Petit and Mr. Wadia referred to the growing evil of long hours, we remember Mr. Wacha, who is one of the newly-appointed Committee of Investigation, drew attention to the subject at meetings of the Millowners' Association. He advocated twelve hours as enough for a tropical climate But against this, it was urged that Indian operatives are unskilful and are, therefore, not so productive as Lancashire operatives. Then we are told our Mill Agents are grasping. More production means more money in their own pockets, thanks to the vicious quarter anna per pound commission, and we are asked to believe the cupidity of the Agents oppresses the operatives who are thus made to grind at these machines for thirteen, fourteen and fifteen hours. "Just imagine," writes a correspondent to us, "fifteen hours in a steamy room, with temperature at 90 degrees. Imagine the operative standing for at least 12 out of the 15 hours—allowing half an hour for recess and half an hour for smoking, etc, during a day. Even the 'byle' of the agriculturist in the field is not so long yoked and the 'byle' works in the open—not in a heated room where at least there is the accumulated exhalations of a hundred persons. If we take even 13 hours, there remain only 11 hours for food and rest and other domestic purposes. An hour is lost going to and from home and mill. The poor fellow ought to have seven hours for sleep. If we, better the circumstanced and living in comparative comfort want seven hours, surely they are not too much for the operative. Consider his humble hut; his surroundings, his poverty, his little family and all the rest of his environments, and he would be a bold taskmaster who would aver that 13 hours of work were not too much ! ! The Millowners or mill-agents had to clear themselves of a lot of charges, as no doubt they can. They have not yet however made any attempt to do so though a week has gone by since the meeting of mill hands at which reforms were asked for. "Altogether, we are asked to believe, the mill-agent is an unregenerate creature and, if the Government were a Caligula, it would wish for only one week of these fatted creatures to be twisted all at once. "Persuasion, remonstrance, entreaties and all rational appeals have been lost on him. He has grown audacious by reason of the State keeping aloof from interference so as not to hamper an established and prosperous industry. The more he sees he is allowed to work as he likes, the more he is lengthening his hours of work. And, no doubt, electric installations have been his "deus ex-machina" to further his views. The operative, therefore, goes to the wall. He is inarticulate. He has an organ of opinion or two, but worthless for practically influencing the millowner. He has leaders in jobbers and fifty-per-cent-profits-patriots—usurers. They lead or mislead him. He is yet illiterate. He has not yet learned the power of organised resistance. He has no Trade Unions to fall back upon for maintaining himself when there are strikes. Strikes here are spasmodic and of not long duration for want of the necessary sinews. Otherwise the mill-agents could be brought to their senses and made to behave with humanity. Of course, there are honourable exceptions. But the exceptions prove the rule." The Millowner, it will be observed, has his enemies ; the hands have their friends. Efficient enquiry will reveal whether the truth lies.

THE FUTURE OF CRETE.

THE more noisy disturbances in the Caucasus and the important events in the Far East and at Portsmouth have combined to drown the efforts of Crete to make itself heard once more. As with food so with news. We can only assimilate a certain amount, and habit has taught us a preference for the spiciest dishes. Yet the Cretans consider that the time has come to once more urge their claims in the most emphatic manner. To understand the position of affairs it is necessary to go back seven years. None too soon the powers then closed the misrule of Turkey granting the islanders a measure of autonomy with half expressed promises, the failure to fulfil which has caused the present trouble. It has long been the ambition of the Cretans that they shall be joined to Greece. This desire is easily comprehended when it is remembered that the enormous majority of the three thousand inhabitants are Greeks, while Greek is the language commonly used by the handful of Mussulmans found there. The appointment of Prince George of Greece as head of the Government naturally fostered the desire for complete annexation and it was, at the time, deemed not improbable that the consummation of these desires was only a matter of a few months. Angered by the delay an insignificant number of insurgents endeavoured to force the Powers out of their policy of inaction. Still the Powers refused to act, presumably on the ground that having taken from the Sultan the substance of Government it was inadvisable—in the face of more important demands—to deprive him of the shadow. To-day the Cretan has fostered a feeling of martyrdom which angrily resents the presence of the international troops and has had the effect of alienating the sympathies of Northern Europe until the Powers refuse to discuss the question before order is restored. Under most conditions such an attitude is justifiable, but in the present case the acts of the insurgents amount to nothing more than an attempt to force the honouring of a promissory note. Even so, it is only a few who have adopted this attitude, and to penalise four-fifths of the population for the misdeeds of the remainder cannot appear fair to any but the most biassed observers. The increase of troops must ultimately have the effect of subduing the insurrection, but to what end? To allow former promises to go unregarded is to count more serious trouble. The insurrection is sufficient ground for strengthening the form of Government without giving unnecessary offence to Turkey, and union with Greece stands out as the most popular solution of the difficulty. The most suitable course to adopt would be to consent to the new Union as speedily as possible. This would entail the substituting of Greek troops for those at present in occupation, and it is impossible to suppose that, having got their desires, the insurgents would oppose those whose guardianship they are demanding with their lives. Happily this is a view not unknown in diplomatic circles, and if permanent quiet in the island is desired by the Powers as earnestly as they profess, it is a counsel they will do well to follow with the utmost speed that dignity can allow.

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PEACE TREATIES.

THERE are niceties in the arrangement of peace between two belligerent Powers which are often more awkward than the adjustment of the terms of agreement. One of the most delicate points, in cases like that of Russia and Japan, where the theatre of war is so vast and no armistice concluded beforehand, is to determine the exact time at which the treaty of peace shall become operative at certain places where it may be difficult to convey news. Until the official news arrives, the belligerents at these places are justified by international law in waging war, though they have learned unofficially that at headquarters peace has been concluded. A case which is always quoted wherein disputes arise is that of the Swineheard. This was an English ship which was provided with letters of marque and which sailed from Calcutta for England before the end of the period of five months fixed by the Treaty of Amiens for the termination of hostilities in the Indian Seas. The Swineheard had on board the proclamation of George III declaring peace. But soon after leaving Calcutta she was captured by a French privateer, being unable to offer resistance through not having powder on board as a result of the peace declaration. The Captain of the privateer was aware of the treaty of peace, but seeing that the Swinehead was a good prize took her to France. International law upheld the action, and the case has become a standard one.

ENGLISH AND GERMAN COMMERCIAL AMENITIES.

THE German press is exercised over what it describes as an instance of unfair rivalry between English and German commerce. In July last the German barque Octavia was destroyed by fire whilst on a voyage from Hamburg to the western coast of South America. Complaint is made that a report was circulated in England to the effect that the barque was carrying Rhenish-Westphalian coal, and that it was from spontaneous combustion of this coal that the fire arose. It is now maintained that the barque was carrying 1,200 tons of Newcastle coal as ballast and that this English coal was the only coal on board. It is further said that the result of the report has been to send up the insurance rates on Westphalian forge coal, which is consequently less able to compete in the markets of the world. Unfortunately for the ground of the grievance, English insurance companies are not given to adjusting their rates on the strength of unconfirmed reports, and it is difficult to believe that German companies would do so.

THE Prince of Wales will unveil the statue of Queen Victoria during his visit to Agra.

THE Viceroy will shortly go for a shooting trip to Dami in the neighbourhood of Simla.

HER EXCELLENCY LADY CURZON'S Nursing Home is still under discussion, but has not advanced far enough to render the publication of details possible.

H. M. S. LAPWING, under the Command of Lieut-Commander A. B. Barker, N. R., sailed on Saturday for Muscat.

ENFORCEMENT from yesterday is notified of the prohibition against pen marking postage stamps.

R. I. M. S. LAWRENCE, Commander C. G. Sinclair, arrived here yesterday from Bushire having left that port on 23rd September and called at Karachi.

THE Mountain Artillery camp-of-exercise, which was to have been held at Mansehra, near Abbottabad has been countermanded on account of cholera in the neighbourhood.

THE Reverend Charles Hope Gill, Bishop Designate of the Missionary See of Travancore and Cochin, is to be consecrated at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th October.

IN consequence of the inability of the Home authorities to supply the necessary drafts for British troops in India, resort will be again had to the grant of bounties to the men to extend their service.

IT is stated by the "Englishman" that an attempt is being made in Calcutta to persuade gariwalas to refuse to take European fares. Our contemporary in commenting on the fact seems to forget that it would not be impossible for the Police Commissioner to retaliate by cancelling licences.

THERE is a chance of Mysore rivalling the achievement of Kashmir. Five village school-masters from Mysore State, who, with the permission of the late Mr. Tata, received training in his experimental silk farm at Bangalore, have since been appointed sericultural inspectors in the districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur and Mysore, where the mulberry is grown.

MADRAS, which grows about 30 per cent of the indigo planted in India, reports a fall of from 73,100 to 51,000 acres under indigo this season. The decrease is attributed partly to want of timely rains and partly to the extensive cultivation of food crops in preference to indigo, "the demand for which has of late considerably fallen."

LORD WINDSOR on Sept. 8 unveiled the Ludlow memorial to the Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers who served in the South African war. This memorial is the original design of the statue executed for the Volunteers of New South Wales by Capt. Adrian Jones, and presented by him to his native town.

THE balance-sheet issued by Messrs. Cox and Co., in April last shows that current and deposit accounts amount to £3,208,252, circular notes £490 and capital and reserve £400,000 giving a total of £3,608,742. On the credit side of the balance, consols (at 90 1/2) National War Loan (at 99) and Transvaal Loan (at 99 1/2) account for £762,350, while English railway debentures and Metropolitan, Corporation and Indian and Colonial Stocks Account for £392,790. The cash at bankers and on hand with cash at call and at short notice amounts to £878,395, advances to customers £1,460,607 and freehold property in the shape of bank premises £144,600. These figures which have been duly audited and certified show that Messrs. Cox, who are opening a branch at Hornby Road rank well with the strongest banks in India.

OFFICIAL intimation has been received by the Lieutenant-Governor and civil authorities of Guernsey that, on Saturday, Sept 23, the Duke of Connaught will arrive in the island to unveil the monument which the inhabitants have raised to the memory of Guernseymen who fought and fell in the Boer war. His Royal Highness will be conveyed to Guernsey in the cruiser Monmouth, and during his stay will be the guest of his Excellency Major-Gen. Barrington Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor, at Saumarez Park. On Monday, Sept. 25, the Duke of Connaught, as Inspector-General of the Forces, will inspect the defences of the island, and witness gun fire practice by No. 13 company Royal Garrison Art., who are the holders of the cup in the inter-garrison competition. The Inspector-General goes to Alderney on Tuesday, Sept. 26, returning to England the day following.

THE GYMKHANA RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

(FINAL.)

WELSH REGIMENT vs. YORSHIRE REGIMENT.

THE final in the Bombay Gymkhana Rugby Tournament between the Welsh Regiment and the Yorkshire Regiment was played on Saturday, and as was generally anticipated resulted in a victory for the Welsh, though not by quite such a large margin as was expected. The Yorkshires put up a very good fight indeed, and had their backs known what to do with the ball when they got possession of it in the same way that the Welsh backs did, there might have been a different tale to tell. The game was chiefly confined to the forwards and here the Welsh were unable to point to the same superiority as the backs, the Yorkshire pack both in the scrums and the loose not conceding their opponents many points. The game, although confined mostly to the forwards, would hardly have been won by the Welsh, had it not been for the fine combination shown by their halves and three-quarters. The former found openings for the latter time after time and the Yorkshire backs rarely had a chance of acting on the offensive, most of both periods being spent in stopping the dodgy tricky runs of the Welsh halves and the charges of the three quarters. The game throughout, contrary we imagine to expectation, was free from all element of roughness and there was not a single instance from first to last where the referee's interference was called for for any flagrant breach of the rules. Mr. Hebblethwaite refereed again and carried out the difficult duties of the position on the whole satisfactorily, though he was a bit too prone to give undue weight to the appeals of players on points which he should have decided before there was time for any appeal. The attendance was very satisfactory and in numbers recalled the Tournaments of the early nineties when the Rugby code flourished in a way that it unfortunately does not now.

The kick-off was followed by a rush of the Welsh down to their opponents' goal line Montgomery shoved into touch when within a few yards of the line. Play for a few minutes after this was confined to the Yorkshire "25" until the latter's forwards breaking away transferred play to midfield by their unfortunate habit of getting offside lost the ground again. The Welsh now did most of the passing and among the openings they made was one their back of dropping a goal. The kick, however a longish one, failed. Scrum now followed scrum as the Yorks working the ball up to their opponents end were placed in a position of scoring, owing a mistake by one of the Welsh "threes" the Yorks right half who made a fine sprint and the Welsh "25" spoilt everything by a pass forward. From thence on to within ten minutes of time the Welsh were in the ascendancy when the inside right three quarter ran in between the posts. The kick though from a easy position failed. Up to half-time the Welsh continued to attack and twice nearly dropped goals, a kick by Thomas striking the cross bar. Crossing over with a lead of only three points in spite of having had much the best of play in the first half the Welsh pressed from the commencement, but for some time they could not penetrate the stout defence of the Yorks back eventually, however, Daily the right half got away Thomas who was entrusted with the kick failed again to convert. Just before time Howe got over for the Welsh obtaining their third try which also was not converted. No side shortly after found the Welsh winners by three tries (9 points) to nil.

After the game Mrs. Kemp, wife of Mr. H. W. Kemp, Chief Presidency Magistrate, presented the cup to Lieutenant Montgomery, the captain of the winning team, Mr P. Cadell, I.C.S., in a few well chosen words eulogising both the winners and the runners up for the sporting spirit in which they had played.

The Tournament of 1905 is now a matter of history and what lovers of the Rugby Code should do between now and next September is to devise some means of preventing the game dying out altogether in Bombay as it threatens to. There is perhaps only one way in which this can be done viz the institution of a Rugby League on the same lines as the Harwood Association League. Given such a league fresh blood would no doubt spring into existence and much would be done toward's fostering the game in the Western Presidency which has always been regarded as the chief stronghold of the Rugby code in India. What Colonel Harwood has done for the rival code can surely be done for the Rugby code, if not by an individual enthusiast then by a body of enthusiasts who have the interests of the game at heart.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

PARSEE GYMKHANA vs. BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

ALTHOUGH the Bombay Gymkhana placed their strongest available team in the field on Saturday against the Parsee Gymkhana in the half day match on the latter's ground the result from the visitors' point of view was extremely disappointing, the Parsis who won the toss and batted first declaring their innings closed on the fall of the third wicket with the total 159 and dismissing their opponents with plenty of time in hand for the poor total of 71 (16 extras), 40 of which were obtained by two batsmen. The display given by the visitors was about the very worst ever seen in the whole series of games between the two Gymkhanas, the bowling in particular, although Ainsworth, Stileman, Chesthan, Powell, Riddle and Wilson were all in the team, being very ineffective. The bulk of the runs for the Parsis were made by J. N. Mody who had the gratification of putting up a century, his first season, and one of the very few in the innings of a hundred made in these matches on a wicket which had not a scrap of turf on it but was hard as iron and gave the bowlers no assistance in spite of this Mr Warden captured five wickets for 19 runs and Kanga five for 36 runs. With the exceptions of Vines 27 and Chesthan 13 the Gymkhana batsmen gave an inglorious display four of the team failing to score including Aston and Powell and seven between them only being responsible for five runs between them. The following are the scores :—

PARSEE GYMKHANA.

Mr P K Vakil, c Priestley, b J W Riddle	21
Mr J D Modi, not out	40
Mr H F Dommisariatwalla, b b w, Lieut Wilson	1
Mr N B Sakhatwalla, c Powell, b Lieut Wilson	18
Mr A B Chothia, not out	3
Mr M K Pavri, Mr H D Kanga, Mr H D Gimi, Mr S S Commisariatwalla, Mr M R Parekh, Mr J S Warden	did not bat
Extras	16
Total	159

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	R	M	W
J L Ainsworth	6	23	1	0
C G Stileman	7	31	1	0
Lieut Wilson	12	57	3	2
J A C Kidde	3	11	0	1
H Chesthan	4	27	0	0
S N Powell	3	15	0	0

Ainsworth 2 wide 1 no ball.
Kiddle 1 no ball.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr S N Powell, b J S Warden	0
Lieut Wilson, c Pavri, b H Kanga	1
Mr A H S Aston, b H Kanga	0
Lieut D F Vines, b J S Warden	27
Mr H Chesthan b H Kanga	13
Mr J A C Kiddle, b H Kanga	4
Mr E Priestley b H Kanga	6
Mr Gillett b J S Warden	0
Mr J L Ainsworth, b J S Warden	0
Mr E L Burns, not out	1
Mr C G Stileman, l-b-w J S Warden	3
Extras	16
Total	71

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	R	M	W
H Kanga	11	35	5	5
J S Warden	11	19	6	5

LORD LOVAT is to attend the great army manœuvres near Hamburg, accompanied by the Hon. Francis Gathorne-Hardy and several officers from the Staff College.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

LORD CURZON TO WELCOME THE PRINCE.

Latest Arrangements.

VISIT TO AJMERE ABANDONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPT. 30.

It is at the King's special wish that Lord Curzon stays to welcome the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Captain Tyrwhitt has been appointed Commodore of the Renown and the Revd. Mr. Tyrwhitt Chaplain.

The Princess of Wales to-day inspected the Renown at Portsmouth.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 30.

The following official announcement is made by the desire of His Majesty the King Emperor. "His Excellency the Viceroy will remain in India to receive His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Bombay on November 9th."

Lord Minto will arrive at Bombay on November 17th and the Viceroy will made over charge to him there on November 18th and will sail on the same day in the R. I. M. S. Dufferin.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 30.

The amended programme for the tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales is now settled. The only alteration which it has been found necessary to make in the arrangements is that of Ajmer, where their Royal Highnesses' proposed visit has had to be abandoned on account of scarcity. The other proposed visits in Rajputana, will be carried out as originally arranged.

To meet the altered arrangements in connection with the manœuvres their Royal Highnesses will spend three days near Rawalpindi after leaving Peshawar. They will then do three days sightseeing at Delhi, reaching Agra on the date originally proposed and thereafter carrying out the tour as already announced.

The proceedings at Agra will be especially important. The ceremonies include a great elephant procession and the unveiling of a statue of the late Queen Victoria.

LATER.

The change to-day announced in the Viceroy's plans will enable his Excellency to make a shikar tour in India. The programme is not yet settled, but his Excellency may not improbably leave Simla in the third week in October, and visit Dehra Dhoon, Jammu, Lahore, Delhi and Indore before proceeding to Bombay to receive the Prince and Princess of Wales. The postponement of Lord Curzon's departure to give him the honour of receiving their Royal Highnesses is looked upon here as marking in some manner, the recognition of his Excellency's services to India and as indicating a belated desire on the part of the Home Government to mitigate the abruptness of the acceptance of his resignation.

VICEROY'S VISIT TO BOMBAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCT. 1.

It is now settled that H. E the Viceroy will leave Simla on the 23rd of October, and after visiting Dehra Dhun, Jammu, Lahore, Delhi and Indore, will arrive at Bombay on the 6th of November.

He leaves Bombay at midnight on the 9th, for Indore and again arrives at Bombay on the 17th and sails on the 18th of November.

Major Macnab, I. M. S., Surgeon to the Viceroy, and Major Poynter, D. S. O., A. D. C., to the Viceroy will accompany him home. The party accompanying his Excellency on tour will be Mr. Fraser, Mr. Nathan, Colonel Edwards, Major Macnab, Major Poynter, Captain Bulkeley and Captain Forrester.

SIMLA, OCTOBER, 2.

The Government of India offices open in Calcutta this year on 6th November.

The shock caused by blowing up of the dynamite in Suez Canal last Friday was distinctly recorded by the seismographic instruments of the Government of India at Simla.

Lord Curzon meets Sir Charles Rivaz in the latter part of October at Lahore where his Excellency spends two or three days on his way to receive the Prince at Bombay.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANADA AND PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

An Invitation to Australia.

LONDON, SEPT. 30.

Canada has invited Australia to establish preferential trade relations with Canada.

The Australian Government is considering the matter.

THE NEW LORD MAYOR.

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

Mr. Walter Vaughan Morgan, Proprietor of "Who's Who," has been elected Lord Mayor of London.

[Alderman Vaughan Morgan is well-known in many connections in the city. His own publication gives the following account of him. He was born in May 1831, being the sixth son of Thomas Morgan, of Glasbury and Marianne, daughter of William Vaughan of Breson, and is unmarried. Educated at Christ's Hospital, which has supplied so many prominent members of the City Corporation, he entered the service of the National Provincial Bank of England in 1846. In ten years he rose to the position of chief cashier in the Manchester Branch, when he resigned his position to join his brothers in founding the firm of Morgan Brothers, merchants and newspaper proprietors and the Morgan Crucible Company. The firm consisted of six brothers who continued in partnership for thirty years and still so continue except that death has reduced the number to three. One of the Proprietors of "The Chemist and Druggist" and "The Ironmonger Journals Alderman Morgan is an enthusiastic mason of many years standing have been Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England in 1897 08. In 1900 01 he was Sheriff of the City and has been of H. M. Lieutenants for the city. A Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, the name is identified with other charitable institutions there being a ward named "Vaughan Morgan" in the London Homœopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE RUSSIAN AND GERMAN RAPPROCHEMENT.

A Rejoinder to England.

LONDON, SEPT. 30.

There is much talk in the Russian and German papers over the new close rapprochement between the two Empires as a rejoinder to the Anglo-Japanese agreement, and an attempt is being made to connect Signor Tittoni's meeting with Count von Bulow at Baden-Baden with a plan for the construction of the balance of power.

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN TROUBLE.

An Improved Situation.

The propitiatory utterances of the Austrian Premier and other influences are contributing to appease the more moderate Hungarians and to separate them from the Coalition.

In the Austrian Reichsrath, yesterday, Herr Gautsch, the Premier, said the Government proposes to Hungary that the respective Governments appoint deputations to meet in the spring and discuss the revision of the laws of 1867, regulating the joint affairs of the two countries. He was convinced, he said, that a revision would benefit both and the Monarchy as well.

LONDON, OCT. 1.

The Hungarian coalitionists are arranging a great torchlight procession on the 3rd instant past the Kossuth Club.

The Socialists are arranging a simultaneously counter demonstration. The Police are taking extensive precautions to prevent a fight.

DISCOVERY OF BOMBS IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Armenians Again Implicated.

LONDON, SEPT. 30.

The discoveries of depots of bombs and explosives in the houses of Armenians at Constantinople is causing much feeling in Turkey.

CHOLERA IN POLAND.

A Heavy Death Roll.

Fifty cases of cholera have occurred in Poland within a week, twenty-eight being fatal.

THE PRINCE EDWARD HANDICAP.

The following is the result of the race for the Prince Edward Handicap.

Cape de Verde	1
Glenamoy	2
Challacombe	3

HONOUR FOR M. DE WITTE.

Created a Count.

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

M. de Witte has been created a Count.

LONDON, OCT. 1

The Kaiser personally decorated M. de Witte with the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle before he left Berlin.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

A Fair Increase.

LONDON, SEPT. 30.

The Revenue for the half-year shows an increase of £74,350 as compared with 1904, despite the reduction in the tea-duty.

THE SUEZ CANAL STOPPAGE.

Date of Clearance.

Traffic will be resumed for all ships through the Suez Canal about 8th October.

CYCLONE AT CAPETOWN,

Great Damage,

Seven were killed and many injured in a cyclone at Capetown and the Malmesbury has been wrecked. Hundreds of people have been rendered homeless.

LAUNCH OF A NEW CRUISER.

The cruiser Natal of 13,550 tons and a speed of 22 1/2 knots was successfully launched at Barrow to-day.

AMERICAN INSURANCE DISCLOSURES.

More Remarkable Allegations.

The American Insurance disclosures are daily becoming more remarkable. The eminent banker Mr. Schiff, ex-Director of the Equitable Life, has caused a sensation by deposing that the Directors of the large New York Corporations are a negligible quantity and valueless in checking the misconduct of the executive officers. The evidence of other officials showed that three great Companies divided the legislatures in the United States and Canada into three groups, appointing a confidential agent at each with large sums at their disposal for the purpose of influencing favour to the Companies.

THE TYPHOON AT MANILA.

The Loss of the American Gunboat.

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

Eleven Americans and twenty-four natives were drowned by the sinking of an American gunboat in the late typhoon at Manila, on the 27th instant.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FRENCH SUGAR FRAUDS,

Markets Depressed in Paris.

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

The markets in Paris are depressed owing to the failure of Lacaussade and Viallet an important Sugar Company.

M. Labouglise, a Director of the Egyptian Refineries Company, with which the late Mr. Cronier was connected, has died suddenly at Cairo.

DEATH OF SIR DONALD STEWART.

LONDON OCT. 1.

Captain Sir Donald Stewart, Governor of the East African Protectorate, has died at Nairobi from pneumonia.

THE YELLOW FEVER AT NEW ORLEANS.

There is a marked decrease in yellow fever in New Orleans, which is ascribed to the systematic destruction of mosquitoes.

BRITISH CHARITY FOR ITALY.

Lord Brassey has offered to erect a large number of wooden cottages on an English model for the Italian sufferers by the earthquake. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Russia through France has made representationists Japan treating prisoners attempting to escape as ordinary criminals.

THE NEW TREATY.

The British Columbians though appreciating the prowess of Japan, and benefits of alliance, have not modified their attitude towards Asiatic immigration.

A renewal of anti-Japanese legislation next session is considered certain.

SMALL TENDERS FOR LOANS.

POST OFFICE FACILITIES TO BE DISCONTINUED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

SIMLA, SEPT. 30.

Press communique.—In 1901 the Government of India with a view to encourage small investments in Government securities introduced, as an experimental measure, an arrangement under which tenders not exceeding Rs. 2,000 each for Government loans are receivable at all head and sub-Post Offices. This measure has now been in operation for five years, but the results obtained have been quite incommensurate with the trouble which the system involves. The aggregate value of the tenders received at Post Offices has declined annually and those for the Loan of August last amounted to Rs. 65,600 only the bulk of which proved unsuccessful. These meagre results are probably due to the fact that the Post Office now affords facilities for the investment of small sums in Government securities at current prices and without fees at any time of the year, whereas the petty investors concerned have no means of knowing what they ought to tender on the occasion of a fresh loan. The Government of India have accordingly now decided that the receipt of tenders at Post Offices for new loan shall be discontinued.

THE PARTITION DISTURBANCES.

ZEMINDARS' PROTEST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 30.

In connection with the partition of Bengal, the Honb'le Mr. Bhupendranath Bose, as attorney for several zemindars possessing property in those parts of Bengal, which are added to the new province, has notified the Secretary of State for India that unless the Proclamation be withdrawn they will institute a suit in the Calcutta High Court to declare the Proclamation inoperative, null and void.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF A WILL.

SENSATIONAL PROSECUTION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DHULIA, SEPTEMBER 30.

The assistant Sessions Judge, at Dhulia has been engaged the whole of this week in trying a case of forgery in which one Kashiram is charged with forging the will of one Bhagvan Gansing, a wealthy cultivator, who died in April 1899, and nine others accused of aiding and abetting. The prosecution alleges that Bhagvan died intestate and that on the date on which he is alleged to have made his will he was unconscious. A number of witnesses were examined for prosecution. The Public Prosecutor Mr. F. P. J. Taleyarkhan, is prosecuting, with pleaders Messrs. Apte and Dev defending. After counsel's arguments had been heard accused was admitted to bail. The case is still proceeding.

HEAVY RAIN AT DARJEELING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DARGEELING, SEP. 3.

Since Thursday heavy and incessant rain has fallen in Darjeeling and Districts. On Thursday night over five inches were recorded. Yesterday and to-day there has been heavi st rainfall of the season, but yet there have been no landslips of any consequence. The upmail train arrived only an hour late to-day.

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BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

AMENDMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

THE QUESTION OF OVERCROWDING.

HEIGHT OF FRAME BUILDINGS.

A MEETING of the Bombay Legislative Council was held in the Council Hall, at Poona on Saturday. His Excellency the Governor presided and among those present were: the Hon. Mr. E. M. H. Fulton, C.S.I., I. C. S.; the Hon. Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie, M.R.A.C., I. C. S.; the Hon. Mr. Hari Sitaram Dikshit, B.A., LL.B; the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola; the Hon. Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta, K.C.I.E., M.A; the Hon. Khan Bahadur Darasha Ratanji Chichgar; the Hon. Mr. C. H. Armstrong; then Hon. Mr. Montagu de Pomeroy Webb; the Hon. Mr. Edward Giles, M.A., C.I.E; the Hon. Mr. J. L. Jenkins, M.A., I.C.S; the Hon. Mr. Richard Amphlett Lumb, C.I.E., I.C.S; the Hon. Dr. Ramkrishna Gopal Bhandarkar, C.I.E; the Hon. Mr. Leslie Crawford; the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, C.I.E; the Hon. Mr George Owen William Dunn; the Hon. Mr. S. W. Edgerley, C.I.E., I.C.S; the Hon. Mr. Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad, B.A., LL.B; the Hon. Mr. Dajl Abaji Khare, B.A., LL.B; the Hon. Mr. Gokuldas Kahandas Parekh, B.A., LL.B; the Hon. Sardar Muhammad Yakub Sheik Ismail, C.I.E; the Hon. Mr. Basil Scott, B.A., Advocate General; the Hon. Mr Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey, J.P: and the Hon. Meherban Narayanrao Govind alias Baba Saheb Ghorpade, Chief of Ichalkaranji.

THE HON. MR. EDGERLEY.

The Hon. Mr. S. W. Edgerley in moving the Second Reading of the Bill said he ventured to think that the Council had some reason to congratulate itself that after the consideration of a Bill of this character, the Select Committee had been able to submit a report which was so nearly unanimous, and he was sure that this Council as well as the Select Committee and himself had the very greatest reason for congratulations that there had been placed at their disposal in the most ungrudging manner the long experience and wide knowledge of matters of the Bombay Municipal Administration which was possessed in so full a degree by the Hon. Mr. Crawford. He had spent a good part of the first week on his return to India in January last in revising this Bill and ever since that date they had been able to turn to him with the full confidence of of receiving his willing assistance and wise counsel. He (Mr. Edgerley) should like to tell the Council that as regarded the proceedings of the Select Committee they held their meetings as close after the meetings of the Corporation as they could after the various sections of the Bill were dealt with, with the result that they had four members of that body on the Select Committee and they were able to discuss the matters and suggestions made by the Corporation as regarded the Bill in which they were so greatly interested. Now he might, of course, go on at length through the Bill, but he should have to assume that the Hon. Members were fully acquainted with the Bill as it was introduced and if he made that assumption it was no great assumption also for him to make that they had read and studied the report of the Select Committee and in that report they had really touched upon every point of importance which they discussed and therefore he felt that there was no doubt about the view of the Council that this Bill, subject to such decision as they might come to at the stage of consideration of details, was a Bill the Council desired to pass. He thought they might take it that in the Select Committee's report before them the Bill was sufficiently explained for the purpose of the Second Reading. He wished only to refer to one section as to which he had noticed that the explanation did not seem to have been quite sufficient and that was as regarded clause 55 which endeavoured to deal with overcrowding. As the Hon. members saw they had omitted a good deal of that at the end. They had really omitted section 379 (b) because they found there was no difficulty of inspection of such houses and they had omitted clause 6 which was the penal clause without giving any reason. The reason for that partly was that in clause 4 of 379 (a) they had altered the unit of overcrowding and building room, but they had not altered the penalties. The subsequent clause of penalties for overcrowding rooms was very much higher than it would have been for buildings as a whole. There was one more point Mr. Edgerley said he should like to notice and that was about the division which had been made in the responsibility of the owner and occupier of a building for giving information. That seemed to have been quite understood from the matter that had to come to his notice, it referred to the person who primarily ought to give information which was necessary to enable the Municipal Commissioner to move. He (Mr. Edgerley) did not say anything about the amendments which were on the papers because they should have to discuss them, he presumed, at some length, and there was no use doing them twice over and he passed by altogether the amendments which referred to clause 52 and as regarded amendments 3, 4 and 5, he had examined them as carefully as he could and he hoped to be able to make suggestions which would be acceptable to the Hon'ble members moving them and so save the time of the Council, and therefore with these few remarks he begged to move the Second Reading of the Bill.

THE HON. MR. IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA.

The Hon Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola said he thought the real credit of getting such practical unanimous report of the Select Committee, as they had been able to lay before the Council, was due to its Chairman, the Hon. Mr Edgerley. It would be readily recognised that in a matter of that kind where various details had to be considered in regard to the sanitary administration of the city, as well provisions of safety of buildings water works, drainage etc. there must be a considerable difference of opinion as to the measures that were most suitable to be accepted. As was natural the Corporation had subjected all these sections to a very careful scrutiny and had passed various resolutions in regard to them. These resolutions were before the Select Committee and the latter very carefully went into the whole question and had come to a decision, which he thought would be considered satisfactory on all grounds; and he repeated that in dealing with all those points the Hon. Mr. Edgerley as Chairman, of the Committee, brought to baar upon the discussion his judicial mind and considering and deciding upon various points were carried in a manner, which were eminently satisfactory to all those people, who on some points still differed from the view of the majority. It was the fashion to say that the Corporation would always side with the house-owners. There would be nothing strange if that was true because after all half the members of the Corporation were elected by the house owners of the City of Bombay. But when they considered the various questions which had been discussed by the Corporation, those members of the Council and the public, would recognise that in dealing with the various points the Corporation had always strived to look to the interests of the City as a whole. He would mention one or two instances to show where the interests of the house owners with the proposals in the Bill. Under the existing law the house owner was empowered to construct a building to a height one and a half times the width of the street or to the height of the present building. If the existing house happened to be forty or fifty feet the house owner was empowered to rebuild the house if he chose to ten or twelve feet more. When this question was considered before the Corporation, they all said there that the set-back should be enforced to a considerably large extent and that the height should be restricted to forty feet and that angle of 45° should be accepted, which would imply that the height should be regulated by the width of the street. There was not on a number of the Corporation, who got up and said that the present rights, which the house-owners enjoyed in regard to the heights of the buildings should be retained. When that resolution came before the Select Committee it was pointed out that various difficulties might arise in enforcing the set-backs and therefore the suggestions of the Select Committee were accepted. There was another question which referred to private bathing and washing places in existing houses. The new Bill empowered the Municipal Commissioner to enforce the provision of bathing in existing buildings as well as in new buildings. So far as new buildings were concerned there was not one member of the Corporation who got up and said that this power should not be given to the Commissioner. He would give one more instance to show that the Corporation had acted in this matter more in the interests of the city as a whole than in the interests of the house-owners. On a former occasion, that was to say, in the year 1892 when Municipal Byelaws were being framed, it was proposed that all buildings should be placed in charge of licensed surveyors. That proposal was at the time negatived. On this occasion the draft Bill contained a provision that all buildings should be in charge of licensed surveyors, who should be responsible not only for the plans that were prepared but also for carrying out work and who would also be required to give certificates in the forms of schedule T., which brought home to those licensed surveyors a very serious and important responsibility. When this restriction was proposed to be imposed there was not one member of the Corporation who got up and said that this should not be done.

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THE VICEROY AND THE SERVICES.

SEVEN YEARS' RETROSPECT.

A MEMORABLE TRIBUTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 30.

Lord Curzon had a splendid reception at the United Service Club Dinner to-night, and made a magnificent speech full of appreciation of the help he has received from the official services, and of sympathy for the men who have worked with him throughout the seven strenuous years of his Viceroyalty. The attendance was a record one, about one hundred members of the Club, including Sir Denzil Ibbetson and all the leading officials being present. Cheers were given for the Viceroy, both when his health was drunk and afterwards when he left.

A WORTHY TRIBUTE.

The Hon. Mr. Hewett, in proposing the toast of the Viceroy, said:—

"Your Excellency and Gentlemen. Ever since this building was renovated in the time of Lord Dufferin it has been the privilege of the members of the United Service Club to welcome within their Club house and to bid Godspeed to each Viceroy within a short period of his retirement from his high office. It is almost exactly twelve years since Sir Arthur Fanshawe asked the members of the Club to honour the toast of Lord Lansdowne's health, and five years later he undertook the same office on the occasion of the dinner to Lord Elgin and he was able to speak of both of those Viceroys as being among the very few who had served for the full term of five years We meet, to-night, on an even more memorable occasion. It is my privilege to propose the health of a Viceroy whom our Sovereign has honoured by an extension of the usual term of office and who arrived in India nearly 7 years ago. We have to go back to that great man who was the last of the line of Governors-General who were not Viceroys before we find a Head of the Government who has given so much of his life to India. Gentlemen, this is not the occasion nor were the occasion suitable, should I be the proper person to attempt a review of even the principal acts of his Excellency's administration in India. This much I may be allowed to say, that we all realise that no question of any interest has escaped his scrutiny, that he has made himself familiar with every detail of the work of Government in the country and that he has, by his strenuous influence and personality, quickened the energies of every branch of the Administration. He has given the best of his life and the best of his health and strength to the service of this country. We all learned from the speech which he recently made, regarding education that the failure of his health, which we all deplore, resulted from the excessive work involved in presiding over the Education Conference of 1901. Having been behind the scenes at the time, I can assert without fear of contradiction that the work which he then undertook was too much for any man and that I have met no one in the country but Lord Curzon who would have attempted it. We all pray that with rest and a change to England, his health may be completely restored to him and we trust that, with the unexampled knowledge which he has gained during his experience as Viceroy, of the system of administration in India and of the wants of the country, he may be able to inspire a more intelligent interest in this great dependency of the British Empire than has hitherto existed among those engaged in public life in England.

PROPHESY FULFILLED.

"In bidding Lord Lansdowne farewell, Sir Arthur Fanshawe assured him of the confident hopes of his audience that he would on his return to England take a prominent part in guiding the counsels of the British Empire. How splendidly those hopes have been fulfilled we all know, and it is only a day or two since we learned of the details of his greatest achievement, namely the arrangement of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty. We all look forward with equal confidence to our guest of this evening, returning to England to resume his place in the Government of Great Britain and trust that he will enjoy as high a place in the regard and admiration of his countrymen as is now held by his distinguished predecessor. Gentlemen, the life of the Viceroy is one of splendid isolation. He can make no friends, he can share no intimacies in the troubles and anxieties which necessarily at times accumulate around him, he must turn for support only to the members of his own family. We all know what a splendid comrade in arms Lady Curzon has been to our Viceroy. It is barely a year ago since she was hovering between life and death, and when every telegram from England was opened with apprehension, we all of us can remember the anxiety that was felt at the return of the Viceroy to assume his second term of office by himself and we can recall the relief with which we learnt that by a supreme effort Lady Curzon was coming back, long before any of us had hoped it possible, to stand by his side. It is our earnest hope that the Viceroy's health may be restored now as Lady Curzon's has been restored, and we wish long life, health and prosperity to them and to their children. Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the health of his Excellency Lord Curzon, Viceroy, and Governor General of India."

In reply, His Excellency, who rose amid loud and prolonged cheering said:—

THE VICEROY'S SPEECH.

"Mr. Hewett, Your Honour and Gentlemen:—I desire to thank the members of this Club for the distinguished compliment that they have paid to me in inviting me to be their guest at this dinner to-night and also for the large and, as I believe, unexampled numbers that have collected within this room to do me honour (Applause). I have listened with much gratitude, though not without a good deal of compunction, to the kind remarks that have fallen from the lips of the chairman, The Hon. Mr. Hewett. I feel it is my good fortune that the task of proposing my health on this parting occasion should have fallen to his hands (Applause); for in one capacity or another, Mr. Hewett has been one of my foremost colleagues during the last seven years. (Hear, Hear.) When I came out to India as Viceroy he was Home Secretary, one of the most important posts in our administration. Then he became head of a Local Government proceeding to the Central Provinces, that well-known threshold to higher office, finally, when it became necessary to appoint the new Member for Commerce and Industry he was the one Civilian pre-eminently well qualified for the post. (Applause and Hear Hear).

"Thus he has seen many sides of the work of Government during recent years and if he can speak, as he has done, of that which has been attempted, and in part accomplished, the compliment is all the greater because of the man who utters it. There was one remark in Mr Hewett's speach by which I could not fail to be personally touched and that was the sentence in which he spoke of Lady Curzon as my comrade (Applause). It is true that in the arduous and, as he remarked, isolated position which the Viceroy of India is compelled to occupy, he is sustained by the solace of those who are nearest and dearest to him. In this way, my work has been lightened by the influences that have always been at my side. The part which India fills in the memory and affections of Lady Curzon is not inferior to that which she occupies in my own, and when we have left this country my heart will not alone be left behind, but a considerable portion of hers will be here also (Applause). Gentlemen, I do not stand here to night to discuss controversial topics. They will work out to their appointed issue by processes which we cannot discern or at any rate cannot at present discern. (Laughter) History will write its verdict upon them with unerring pen (Loud Cheers) and we need not to night anticipate the sentence. I stand here rather as one who has laboured and wrought amongst you to the best of his ability through

LONG AND STIRRING YEARS

and who rises for the last time to address the comrades who have shared his toil, and, if he has anywhere conquerred, have enabled him to conquer (Cheers).

"I cannot approach such a task without emotion and I cannot feel sure of being able to discharge it with credit. I have referred to the position of peculiar isolation in which the Viceroy stands and I prefer rather, in what I have to say to-night, to turn my attention to those aspects of his work which bring him into contact with others. The relation of the Viceroy to the services in India is one of a peculiar and unexampled description. He is over them, but not of them, he is not attached to them as a party politican in England is to his party by the ties of long fellow service in a common cause. His link with them is one of official rank, not of personal identity and it is limited to a few years at the most instead of being spread over a life time. He is almost invariably from the nature of the case a stranger brought out from England and placed for a short time in supreme charge. I always thought it a remarkable thing in these circumstances and a proof of the loyalty and devotion to duty which is instinct in Englishmen that the Indian Services should extend to the Viceroy the fidelity and the support which they do (Hear Hear and Applause.) In my own case my feeling for the Indian Services was formed and was stated many years before I came to this country as Viceroy, and I cannot be suspected, therefore, of any afterthough, in declaring it now. When I brought out my book about Persia more than 13 years ago, having written it in the main in the interests of Indian defence, I dedicated it to the Civil and Military Services in India and, on the title page, I spoke about them in language which represented my profound conviction then and represents it still (Cheers.) You may imagine therefore, with what pride I found myself placed at the head of these Services seven years ago, and given the opportunity of co-operating for great ends with such strenuous and expert allies.

"It will always, I think, remain the greatest recollection of my public life that for this, not inconsiderable, period I was permitted to preside over the most efficient and the most high-minded public service which I believe to exist in the world (Loud Applause.) Gentlemen our official generations in India move so quickly, particularly in the higher ranks, that a Viceroy who has been here seven years ends by finding himself the doyen of the official hierarchy and feels that he is old almost before he has ceased to be young (Laughter). Such has been my own experience, though the Viceroy has colleagues in his Cabinet or Council lately revised to the normal duration of five years.

"I have served with no fewer than twenty Councillors in my time and in the ten local Governments I have well co-operated with nearly thirty Governors, Lieutenant-Governors and Chief Commissioners. Perhaps, therefore, I may claim an exceptional right to speak. It does indeed seem to me a remarkable thing that work, pursued under the conditions of pressure which have characterised our recent activities, and with responsible Agents so varied, so important and so numerous, should have been carried on with so much smoothness and good feeling and, if I may speak for the treatment which I have personally received, with such

AND GENEROUS CONSIDERATION.

And personal regard (Applause). I venture to assert, not as boast or as a compliment, but as a fact, that there has never been a time when the relations between the supreme Government and the Heads of the local Governments have been so free from friction or so harmonious (Cheers). In the old volumes of our proceedings which it has been my duty to study at midnight hours I have sometimes come across peppery letters or indignant remonstrances and have seen the spectacle of infuriated Proconsuls strutting up and down the stage (Laughter.) We now live not in the iron or stone age when implements of this description were, at any rate figuratively, in constant use (Laughter) but in the age of milk and honey (Laughter) when we all sit down together to devour the grapes of Eshchol by which I mean the Surpluses that are provided for us by the Finance Department (laughter). Even that Department has ceased to be a nightmare to the good as well as a terror to the evil and has assumed an urbanity in harmony with the spirit of the time. (Laughter.)

No doubt, these results are partially due, as I have hinted, to the more prosperous circumstances through which we have been passing and to the greater devolution of financial responsibility upon local Governments that we have carried out. But they also reflect a positive desire on our part to be everywhere on the best of terms with the local Governments, and their heads, and to avoid nagging interference and petty overruling and they have everywhere been met by a loyalty and a friendly cooperation on their part, which I should like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and which have made the relations between the Viceroy and the Governors and the Lieutenant-Governors with whom he has served one of the most agreeable episodes of my term of office, (Hear, Hear, and Applause).

I am not one of those who hold the view that local Governments are hampered in their administration by excessive centralisation or that any great measures of devolution would produce better results. In so far as there has been centralisation in the past, it has been in the main because under the Quinquennial contract system the local Governments had not the means with which to extend themselves and there cannot be much autonomy where there are not financial resources. Now that we have substituted

FINANCIAL PERMANENT AGREEMENTS.

For the terminable agreements and have placed the local Governments in funds, they can proceed with internal development with as much freedom as can be desired. I am not in favour of removing altogether, or even of slackening the central control, for I believe that, with due allowance for the astonishing diversity of local conditions it is essential that there should be certain uniform principles running through our entire administration (Hear Hear), and nothing could be worse either for India or for British Dominions in India, than that the country should be split up into a number of separate and rival units, very much like the Austro-Hungarian Empire in Europe, where the independent factors are only held together by the nexus of a single crown (Cheers).

"The various enquiries that have been conducted into Administration in my time, notably into education, famine, irrigation and police, have shown how easy it is for central principles to be forgotten and for indifference at Head Quarters to breed apathy and want of system lower down. I believe, therefore, in a strong Government of India gathering into its own hands and controlling all the reins (Cheers), but I would ride the local Governments on the snaffle, and not on the curb (Hear, Hear and Laughter) and I would do all in our power to consult their feelings, to enhance their dignity and to stimulate their sense of responsibility and power (Hear Hear) The Head of a local Administration in India, and I speak in the presence of one to-night, possesses great initiative and an authority which is scarcely understood out of India. Sometimes in the past these prerogatives have been used to develope dissension and the Supreme Government has, as I am told, scarcely been on speaking terms with some of its principal lieutenants. I have been lucky in escaping all such experiences and every Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Chief Commissioner whom I have known has exerted himself with equal loyalty to conform to the general policy rather than to pursue his own (Cheers). This however is

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rather a digression into which I have wandered and I must get back to my subject at the point at which I left it.

MY OWN COLLEAGUES.

Even more than with the heads of local Governments have I necessarily been brought into contact with my own colleagues in the Government of India, I speak primarily of the Members of Council and secondarily of the Secretaries to the Government of India, which is governed not by an individual but by a committee. No important act can be taken without the assent of a majority of that committee which in practice cuts both ways. It is the tendency in India, as elsewhere, but much more in India than anywhere else that I have known, to identify the acts of Government with the head of the administration. The Viceroy is constantly spoken of as though he, and he alone, were the Government. This, of course, is unjust to his colleagues who are equally responsible with himself and very often deserve the credit which he unfairly obtains. On the other hand it is sometimes unfair to him (Laughter), for he may have to bear the entire responsibility for administrative acts or policies which were participated in and perhaps originated by them. In these rather difficult circumstances, which perhaps work out on the whole in a fair equation it is a consolation to me to reflect and this is the only Cabinet secret that I am going to divulge, that during my seven years of office there has not been a single important question, whether of internal or external politics in which the Government of India have not been absolutely unanimous, unless you except the last of all where the unanimity was scarcely broken (Hear, Hear, and prolonged Applause.)

I believe this to be unexampled in the history of Indian administration In the previous records of Indian Government I have often come across sparring matches between the illustrious combatants, and contentious minutes used to be fired off like grape shot at the head of the Secretary of State. I can only recall three occasions on which a minute dissenting from the decision of the majority of the Council has been sent home in the whole of my time, and I venture to think that with a Council, representing so many different interests and points of view, this indicates a very remarkable and gratifying unity (Hear Hear.) Certainly, it has not been purchased by any sacrifice of independent judgment. The Viceroy has no more weight in his Council than any individual member of it. What it does show is that the Government of India in approaching the work of reconstruction and reform with which we have charged ourselves has been inspired by a single spirit and has pursued a common aim (Cheers). I recall with pride that in every considerable undertaking we have been an absolutely united body, united not merely in identity of opinion but in a common enthusiasm, and on this parting occasion it may be permissible for me to say, both of the distinguished Civilians and the eminent soldiers with whom it has been my privilege to serve, that I thank them with a gratitude, which it would be impossible to exaggerate, for a cooperation that has converted the years of toil into years of honourable pleasure, that will always remain one of the happiest recollections of my life (Loud Cheers). Then I turn to the Secretaries to Government, those faithful and monumental workers who dig in the mounts of the past and excavate the window of our ancestors (Laughter), who prepare our cases for us and write our official letters and despatches and generally keep us all from going wrong (Laughter). I have served with many Secretaries to Government in my time and I do not believe that in any administration in the world is the standard of trained intelligence or devotion to duty, in the service which they represent, so uniformly high (Cheers). My consolation in thinking of them that a better reward than my poor thanks lies before them as they gradually blossom into Chief Commissioners and Lieutenant Governors and Members of Council, is that they will earn the

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to which they are entitled, and in my retirement I shall for years to come have the pleasure of seeing the higher posts of Indian Administration filled by men with whom I have been privileged to work and of whose capacity for the most responsible offices I have had such abundant opportunity to convince myself (Cheers.) Some paper at home said the other day that I had not founded a school. There was no need to do that, for it was here already, but I have assisted to train one and if the tests have sometimes been rather exacting, I may perhaps say in self-defence that I have never imposed upon others a burden which I was not willing to accept myself (Hear, Hear, and continued Applause). What I have said of Members and Secretaries is not less true of the officers who have served under them in the Departments of Government. When I came to Simla I observed that I regarded this place as the workshop of the Administration and such indeed during the last few years I believe it has truely been. It was Burke who remarked in one of his speeches that there is one sight that is never seen in Indian and that is the grey head of an Englishman. As I look about me (Laughter) I begin to think that we must live in a rather different and degenerate age and I am not sure that a certain guilty consciousness does not steal over my mind. I must confess that I have heard it whispered that Simla has acquired in recent times an unenviable reputation for staidness and sobriety (Laughter), and I believe that invidious epithets have even been applied to the hospitable and once light-hearted institution in which I am now priviledged to be entertained (Loud Laughter and Applause). Gentlemen, must I offer an apology for this alleged falling off from the standards of the past? No, I do nothing of the sort; I do not allow for a moment that we have pursued duty at the cost of the amenities of life. I most certainly have not done so. We have all had our hours of gaiety and ease at Simla and very pleasant they have been, but we have certainly set work before play, we have spent more time in school than out of it, and for my own part I believe that an incalculable benefit has been conferred upon the entire Service by the example of those public servants who used to be accused of idling away their time in the hills, but who now make up for the refreshing altitude in which they labour by the arduous and unremitting character of the labour itself (Cheers).

"We have finally killed the fallacy, perhaps never true at all and certainly least of all true now that the summer capital of government is a place where it is all summer and not much Government and if a Royal Commission were sent round to investigate

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I hould await with perfect equanimity the place that Simla would occupy in its report (Loud Applause). Gentlemen there is one error against which I think that we ought very particularly to be on our guard. I should not like any of us because we happen to be at the head-quarters of Government, to delude ourselves into thinking that we are the only people or even the principal people who run the Indian machine (Hear Hear). It would be quite untrue. India may be governed from Simla or Calcutta, but it is administered from the plains (Cheers). We may issue the orders and correct the mistakes, but the rank and file of the army are elsewhere and if we make the plans of the battle they make the plans of battle (Hear Hear). Let me not forfeit this opportunity of expressing my feelings towards the entire Civil Service of India for the loyal co-operation that I have received from them (Cheers) At the beginning I believe, they thought me rather a disturbing element in the economy of Indian Official existence, but when they saw that my interests and theirs mine because there is no one who so much benefited by increased efficiency in administration as the administrator himself, they gave me every assistance in their power, and no one is more sincerely conscious than myself that if success has anywhere been obtained it has not been in the Secretariat alone but in the district office, in the court and, I would even add, in the fields (Hear, Hear). Gentlemen, what is the secret of success in the Indian Services, Civil and Military alike? It lies not in systems or rules, not even exclusively in training or education. It consists in the man. If revenue assessments are to be fair and equitable to the people it will not be because of the resolutions which the Government of India have issued to regulate them but because a sympathetic settlement-officer has been sent to carry them out (Applause) If one Division or District is dis-contented and another tranquil it will usually be because one has the wrong man at the head and the other the right one; if one young Chief degenerates into extravagance or dissipation, while another developes into a statesman and a ruler of men it will probably be found that the former has a weak political officer or an incompetent tutor while the other has been in strong and capable hands; if one regiment is efficient while another is soft or has a bad record, look to the commanding officer and you will commonly find the clue. Therefore, I say in India, as elsewhere but most of all In India, give me the man,

THE BEST THAT ENGLAND CAN PRODUCE

the best that India cantrain. To every head of an Indian Administration, to every chief of an office, I would say, pick out the best men, run them to the front, give them their chance; that is the whole secret of administration (Loud Cheers). I have said a hundred times and I say it again that there is no service in the world where ability, and character quite as much as ability, are more sure of their reward than the Indian Service. Nothing can keep them down, for they are the pivot and fulcrum of our rule. So long as we can continue to send to this country the pick of the youth of our own, so long as they are inspired by high standards of life and conduct, so long as each officer, Civil or Military, regards himself in his own sphere as the local custodian of British hoonour and the local representative of the British name, we are safe and India is safe also (Loud Applause). For the good man makes other men good, the efficient officer spreads efficiency about him and the sympathetic officer, diffuses an atmosphere of loyalty and contentment (Hear Hear). Gentlemen perhaps I may be allowed to interpolate a word in this place about the particular branch of the Service of which I have been more especially the head: I allude to the Political Department. The Viceroy, as taking the Foreign Office under his personal charge has a greater responsibility for the officers of that Department then of any other. A good Political is a type of officer difficult to train, indeed training by itself will never produce him, for there are required in addition qualities of tact and flexibility, of fibre and gentlemanly bearing which are an instinct rather than an acquisition. The public at large hardly realises what the Political may be called upon to do. At one time he may be grinding Foreign office, at another he may be required to stiffen the administration of a backward Native State, at a third he may be presiding over a Jirga of unruly tribes on the frontier at a fourth he may be defining a boundary amid the wilds of Tibet or the sands of Seistan (Cheers.) There is no more varied or responsible service in the world than the Political Department of the Government of India, and right well have I been served in it from the mature and experienced officer who handles a Native Chief with velvet glove to the young Military Political who packs up his trunk at a moment's notice and goes off to Arabia or Kurdistan (Hear Hear and Applause) I commend the Political Department of the Government of India to all who like to know the splendid and varied work of which Englishmen are capable and I hope that the time may never arise when it will cease to draw to itself the abilities and the finest characters that the Services in india can produce (Loud Applause.)

"Gentlemen, I have been speaking so far of the Agents with whom I have been permitted to work. Let me add, if I may, a few words about the work itself. If I were asked to sum it up in a single word I would say

EFFICIENCY

That has been our gospel, the key note of our administration. I remember once reading in a native newspaper, which was attacking me very bitterly, the sentence "As for Lord Curzon he cares for nothing but efficiency" (Laughter.) Exactly gentlemen, but I hardly think that when I am gone this is an epitaph of which I need feel greatly ashamed (Hear Hear and Applause.) There were three respects in which a short experience taught me that a higher level of efficiency under our administration was demanded. The first was in the despatch of business. Our methods were very dignified, our procedure very elaborate and highly organised, but the pace was apt to be the reverse of speedy. I remember in my first year settling a case that had been pursuing the even tenour of its way without, as far as I could ascertain, exciting the surprise or ruffling the temper of an individual for sixty-one years (Continued Laughter). I drove my pen like a stiletto into its bosom, I buried it with exultation and I almost danced upon its grave. (Cheers). Gentlemen, I really think that not merely the new rules that we have adopted, but the new principles that are at work have done a good deal to assist the despatch of business and I hope that there may not be any backsliding or relapse in the future (Cheers) It was one of Sir John Lawrence's sayings that procrastination is the thief of efficiency as well as of time and though I would not say that an administration is good in proportion to its pace, I would certainly say that it cannot be good if it is habitually and needlessly slow (Applause).

"Our second object was the overhauling of our existing machinery which had got rusty and had run down. There is scarcely a department of the Government or a branch of the Service which we have not during the last few years, explored from top to bottom, improving the conditions of service where they were obsolete or inadequate, formulating a definite programme of policy or action and endeavouring to raise the standard and the tone (Cheers). And thirdly we had to provide new machinery to enable India to grapple with new needs.

"Perhaps, there is nothing which the public has shown so general an inability to understand as the fact that a new world of industry and enterprise and social and economic advance is dawning upon India. New continents and islands leap above the horizon as they did before the navigators of the Elizabethan age, but if I am right, if agriculture and irrigation and commerce and industry have great and unknown futures before them, then the Government, which in this country is nearly everything, must be ready with appliances to enable it to shape and to direct these

NEW FORMS OF EXTENSION,

You cannot administer Indian, according to modern standards but on the old lines (Applause.) Some people talk as though when we create new departments and posts we are merely adding to the burden of Government. No, we are doing nothing of the sort. The burden of Government is being added to by tendencies and forces outside of ourselves which we are powerless to resist, but not powerless to control. We are merely providing the mechanism to cope with it. Of course we must not be blind to the consideration that progress is not a mere matter of machinery alone, and that life and the organisation of life are very different things. There is always danger of converting an efficient staff into a bureaucracy and, while perfecting the instruments, of ignoring the freeplay of natural forces. Against that tendency I would implore all those who are engaged in work in India to be peculirly on their guard, for it may be said of reforms everywhere, and here perhaps most of all, that that which is contrary to nature is doomed to perish, and that that which is organic will alone survive (Applause).

"Gentlemen, I am afraid that I am becoming too philosophic for the dinner table and I will revert to the concrete. Of the actual schemes that we have undertaken, with the objects that I have attempted to describe, I will say nothing here. You know them as well as I do; you are the joint authors of many of them and time alone will show whether they have been the offspring of a premature and feverish energy or whether they have taken root and will endure. and I desire no other or fairrer test. In some cases it is already in operation shifting the good from the bad and giving glimpses of the possible verdict of the future. I will only take one instance because it is familiar to you all and because there may be officers here present who were orginally doubtful about the wisdom or propriety of the change. I speak of the creation of

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which was carved out of the Punjab more than four years ago (Cheers). You will all remember the outcries of the prophets of evil; it was going to inflict an irreparable wound upon the prestige of the Punjab Government, it was to overwhelm the Foreign Department with tiresome work, it was to encourage ambitious officers to gasconade upon the frontier; it was the symbol of a forward and "jingo" policy and would speedily plunge us in another campaign. We do not hear so much of these prophecies now and I venture to assert that there is not an officer here present from the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab downwards who would go back upon the decision of 1901 (Hear, Hear, and Applause). It has given peace and contentment upon the border and has substituted the prompt despatch of frontier cases for endless perambulations and delays (Cheers).

"But the creation of the Frontier Province did not stand by itself. It was merely one symptom of a frontier policy which we have been pursuing quietly, but firmly, for seven years. I will utter no prophecy to-night and will indulge in no boast. I am content with the simple facts that for seven years we have not had a single frontier expedition, the only seven years of which this can be said since the frotier passed into British hands, and that whereas in the five years 1894—1899 the Indian tax payes had to find 4 1/2 million pounds sterling for frontier warfare the total cost of military operations on the entire North West Frontier in the last seven years has only been £248,000, and that was for the semi-pacific operation of the Mahsud blockade (Hear Hear and Applause).

And now gentlemen, I must not detain you further. This is one of the last speeches that I shall be called upon to make in India and I have made it, through you who are present here to-night, to the Services which I have captained and which I have been privileged to lead (cheers). We have worked together in good report and in evil report. India is in some respects a hard task master. She takes her toll of health and spirits and endurance and strength. A man's love for the country is apt sometimes to be soured by calumny, his passion for work to be checked by the many obstacles to be encountered, his conception of duty to be chilled by disappointment or delay. Such have sometimes been my own feelings, such I daresay have often been the feelings of those whom I am addressing, but this is only an ephemeral depression. When it comes upon us let us cast it off, for it is not the real sentiment of the Indian Service. As the time comes for us to go we obtain a clearer perspective. It is like a sunset in the Hills after the rains; the valleys are wrapped in sombre shadow, but the hill tops stand out sharp and clear (Cheers). Our Indian career, be it long as it has been or will be in the case of many who are here to-night, or relatively short as in mine we feel that we can never have such a life again so crowded with opportunity, so instinct with duty, so touched with romance. We forget the rebuffs and the mortification, we are indifferent to the slander and the pain. Perhaps if we forget these others will equally forget our shortcomings and mistakes. We remember only the noble cause for which we have worked together, the principles of equity and justice and righteousness for which we have contended and the good, be it ever so little that we have done, and India becomes the lodestar of our memories as she has hitherto been of our duty. For us she can never again be "the Land of Regrets" (Prolonged cheering again and again renewed).

THE CALCUTTA PRINTERS' STRIKE.

AN ENQUIRY TO BE HELD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 30.

All the men who went on strike from the Government Presses have finally resumed work. Mr. Cogswell, Director of Indian Printing, arrives in Calcutta, to-day, and, with two other officers appointed by Government, will inquire into men's grievances.

POONA RACES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPT. 30.

Arab Pony Consolation Plate.—Winner, Rs. 900; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arab ponies 14 hands and under which have not won race Poona Big Meeting, 1905 Distance.—5 furlongs.

Mr A M Ally's ch a h Napoleon 7st 7lbs ...O'Neill 1
Mr Alex A Essayie's b a h Malabar, 7st 4lbs..... 2
Mr A R Ameer's b a h Bookhit 7st 9lbs 3

Betting: 3 to 1 against Napoleon.

The Poona Grand National.—Winner, Rs. 2,000; second Rs. 700; third, Rs. 300. A Handicap Steeplechase for Horses, Distance.—About 2 miles 1 furlong.

Mr F W Barrett's bl aus g The Pirate King 9st 10lbs .....Owner 1
Mr Locke's ch aus g Baron II 12st 4lbs Co Hoyt. 2
Mr H B Pike's bl aus g Musketeer 9st 2lbs 3

Betting: 3 to 1 against Pirate King.

Consolation Plate.—Winner, Rs. 900; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100, A Hight Weight Handicap for Horses which have not won race at Poona Big Meeting, 1905, Distance.—6 furlongs.

Mr L S Allen's b aus m Spirea 7st 12lbs W Burns 1
Messrs Bleach and Avasia's b e g Apology 7st 8lbs .....A Hoyt 2
Messrs Wood and Badger's br e g Thomond 8st 12lbs .....Penton 3

Betting: 2 to 1 against Spireas.

The Losers' Handicap.—Winner Rs. 920; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Arabs which have not won at Poona Big Meeting 1905. Distance—1 1-2 miles.

H H Aga Khan's ch a h Sandow 8st 8lbs...Kamad 1
Mr Mustapha b n Talib's ch a h Falcfhul 8st 7lbs C B Mahomed 2
Mr A Razak's G A H Young Cardigan 8st 7lbs Southall 3

Betting: 6 to 1 against Sandow.

The Sydney Plate.—Winner Rs. 900, second Rs. 200, third Rs. 100. A High Weight Handicap for Ponies 14-2 and under Distance—1 mile.

Mr E C Ramshaw's br aus m Wakeful 8st 9lbs Southall 1
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's b aus m Olga 6st 7lbs.....Kamad 2
Messrs Wood and Badger's ch g Idleness 7st 7lbs.....Baichan 3

Betting: Evans Wakeful.

Civil and Military Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200, second Rs. 100, third Rs. 50. A Welter Handicap for Arabs 14 1 and under (closed as per Special General Conditions. Programme Poona Extra Meetings, 1905). Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr W F S Gasson's b a h Eager 9st 12lbs Owner 1
Captain Davie's g a h Lomond 10st 3lbs...Capt Meynell 2
Major Jameson's g a h Avatar 11st 11lb.....O. 3

Betting: 5 to 1 Eager.

March Rs 500 a side.—Owners up—C. W. Over 12st Distance.—6 furlongs.

Lt-Col C M Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner 14st 0lbs..... 1
Lt-Col James S Forbe's ch a h Sapphire..... 2

Betting; 2 to 1 Money Spinner.

THE NEW ADMIRAL.

His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Atkinson-Willes, K. C. B., handed over charge of his office on Saturday to his successor, Rear-Admiral Edmond S. Poe, C. V. O., who arrived in Bombay on Friday by the Mail steamer Arabia, and soon after proceeded home by the P. and O. Co's out-going Mail steamer Malta. His Excellency went on board the Mail steamer direct from the flagship Hyacinth about 1 p. m., accompanied by his flag Lieut. Fisher and his Secretary Mr. Weekes, who also went home by the same steamer. The new Admiral in taking the command of the East India Squadron, hoisted his flag on Sunday.

THE UNIVERSITY NEW SCHEME.

THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Now that the acceptance of Principal Sharp's amendment which included the abolition of the real examination as a part of the B. A. curriculum by the University Senate at its meeting of 28th instant, is tantamount to an almost avowed recognition on the part of the Senate of the futility of that test, will some responsible leader in the Senate kindly see his way to move for and obtain its suspension from this year till new regulations come into force and do away with it? The inconvenience and unnecessary anxiety it entails must be certainly very aggravating to the students after what Principal Sharp said about it and its futility. We are often held up in Bombay upto 13th or 14th of December though our examination ends on 24th or 25th of the previous month, and the woes of those of us who have to accommodate themselves to the by no means encouraging surrounding of "hotels," and the caprices of none too civil hosts who have but rooms twelve by twelve at their command must excite the sympathy of our "friends" in the Senate.—Yours, &c.,

A STUDENT.

SIMLA NOTES AND NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 29.

UNUSUAL interest attaches to the Staff College dinner, which has taken place here since my last letter. It was made the occasion of statements by Lord Kitchener and Generals Duff and Bayley about the new Indian Staff College, an institution which bids fair to play an essential part in the future history of the Army of India. Lord Kitchener modestly declined, at the dinner, the claim put forward on his behalf by General Duff, to be the father of the institution. He attributed its foundation to the common experience of the South African War and was concerned more with the endeavour to allay jealousy amongst members of the sister college in England than to demonstrate the utility of the concern he has produced. The statement which he did let fall, however, to the effect that out of the two thousand five hundred British Officers of the Indian Army only three or four are at present trained, each year, for staff duties discloses a sufficiently strong case for the action which has been taken. The Indian Staff College will be, like the English one, what the authorities at headquarters make it. It will become invaluable, if Commanders-in-Chief, and their advisers at Simla know how to make the best of it. It may lapse into disrepute if they fail in their duty towards it. In any case it will provide an opportunity of which the best of the regimental officers will not be slow to avail themselves to obtain some sort of technical training, hitherto denied almost in toto, for the higher duties of their profession.

The Indian Medical Service dinner here on 26th was a smaller affair than usual, there being no specially pressing matter in which I.M.S. Officers are concerned. The gathering was, therefore, of a social nature, only those officers who were within easy reach of Simla being present.

Major Fendall delivered an interesting lecture here on Tuesday, before the United Service Institute on artillery in war. The subject is one of almost exclusively military importance, but the lecturer incidentally brought out a point which must have struck the most unmilitary element present. This was that while countries like France have not only provided their artillery with shields, but are now engaged in perfecting projectiles for use against this invaluable aid to efficiency, mountain batteries in India are still without anything efficient of the kind. The shield is so important, in enabling guns to be kept in action under fire, that its omission from the equipment of mountain batteries in India cannot be regarded as otherwise than an oversight.

Annandale has seldom seen such a gathering as assembled there, last Monday, to witness the finals in the Durand Football Tournament. Particulars of the fine struggle for this coveted trophy which took place between the Royal Dragoons and the Dorsets, have already appeared in your telegraphic columns. The occasion was also noticeable as being the last on which General Sir Edmund Elles will preside at the gathering. Sir Edmund has been one of the best presidents which the Annandale Club has had. He has borne unaided, for a number of years past, the not light expense of providing the principal annual trophy for the winning team and his interest in the matches has been unwearing. He has helped the association with sound sense as well as timely financial support. Yet his attitude has throughout been so self effacing that but few have been aware of what he has done. Now that he is leaving it is realised how greatly he will be missed and how hard will be the task of filling the place he has held.

The farewell dinner at the United Service Club here, to Lord Curzon, takes place to-morrow night. The occasion will be one of the most important of the many functions of its kind during the next few weeks. It is of the nature of an acknowledgement from official Simla, as the ball on 9th October, will be from social Simla, of the respect which is felt for the Viceroy, who has ruled India with so strong a hand for the six years past. It would be an affectation to endeavour to make out that Lord Curzon's relations with his officials have been invariably free from friction. A strong Viceroy who forms his own opinion and acts upon them must necessarily find himself overruling, sometimes, opinions and prejudices of colleagues and lieutenants. It can be said of Lord Curzon, however, with truth, that he has been prepared to go patiently into every question, no matter how great the labour involved. His marvellous industry and conscientiousness have been equalled by the extraordinary abilities he has brought to bear upon his work. No official who has found himself overruled complains of having failed to obtain the fullest hearing. On every side the admission is freely made that in grasp of the most abstruse subjects, in zeal and in ability, Lord Curzon has proved himself a giant at work. The dinner is a small token of regard and respect for a chief who is about to leave India. Throughout his Viceroyalty Lord Curzon has set an admirable example in taking the people of the country into his confidence. His parting words to the coajutors who have toiled with him throughout the arduous tasks, which have fallen to the share of his administration, will be remembered and taken to heart however slight or informal he may elect to make them. It is no exaggeration to say that Lord Curzon's speeches are an intellectual treat, to which everyone here looks forward and of which Simla cannot have too much.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 30.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Indian Army promotions.—Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Onslow to be Colonel and Captains Jacob, Mockler, Wintour, Savi, Robinson, Adye, Allen, Burton, Tester, Saulez James, Keays, Bilton, Bruce, Johnson, French, Mulier, Lane, Morris, Ridgway, Powell Turner, Harvest, Newnham, Pirrie, Watting Thornton, Obbard, Ford, Brakspear, Beadon, Clarke Codrington Talbot, Jones Bayley and Voeux to be Majors; also Lieutenants Hogg, Jarvieson, Hallowes and Hardie to be Captains.

Conductor L. H. Lee is especially promoted to be Assistant Commissary in recognition of his services in connection with the construction of Ichapore factories.

Hon. Captain T. A. Goodman is permitted to retire.

Admission to Military division of the Indian Order of Merit is notified of Subadar Moihbulla, Southern Waziristan Militia, for conspicuous gallantry at Sarwekai on 30th June 1905, when accompanied by three sowars and six sepoys he went in pursuit of a gang of raiders. He succeeded in cutting off the retreat of the raiders and displayed great personal courage and skilful leading in the fight that ensued with the result that all the raiders were either killed or captured.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

H. A. B. Digby-Beste to be Sub-Lieutenant, Indian Marine.

Engineer Brokenshaw has two months' extension of leave at home.

Commanders G. E. Holland and Anginar J Mitter are permitted to retire.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. T. W. Payne is confirmed as Registrar of the Legislative Department vice Mr. Mashall.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Colonel W. L. C. Baddeley, R. E. reverts to military employ.

STAR OF INDIA.

The King-Emperor has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness, George, Prince of Wales, to be an extra Knight Grand Commander of the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. F. D. Gordon is posted as Deputy Accountant General of the Punjab.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

The importation and exportation from and into Burma of Cocaine, Ganja Bhang and Charas is notified as prohibited except under license or exemption and the postal authorities of Rangoon are empowered to search postal articles to detect infringement of this order.

BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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The Select Committee did not accept all the recommendations of the Corporation, but the form in which the Bill was now placed before the Council was one which, he thought, met the requirements of the case eminently. He did not wish to say anything at present in regard to section 349 (c) which related to frame buildings, as he had already given notice to move amendments regarding that section. With reference to the question of overcrowding Mr. Ibrahim said it was felt by the Corporation, and the Select Committee had agreed with it, that it would not be right to give authority to subordinates of the Municipality accompained by police officers, to enforce an entry into private houses at any time of the day or night. And what was more? After this forcible entry had been made and all the information that might have been previously furnished was found to be correct, there was no remedy for the house owner or for the tenants for any damages or anything at all. Forcible entry was made and there the matter ended. The Select Committee thought that it was not right to empower the Municipal Subordinates to make forcible entries into private houses and therefore deleted that portion of the section, leaving the power to the Commissioner to ask for information from house-owners as regarded the number of rooms in his property and the sizes of those rooms and to require the tenants to furnish details of the occupants, their age, sex, number, &c., which were provided for in the last Bill. Now it was apparent that it was not possible to expect the house owner, who might be living at a considerable distance from the place where his property was situated, to know the number of people sleeping in his rooms as a particular time and therefore the responsibility of furnishing that kind of information had been imposed on the party who occupied them. One of the effects of the legislation which had been provided in the Bill for preventing overcrowding would be that under section 49 of the Improvement Trust Act, the Special Collector in determining the value of the property would give deduction, if the property was found overcrowed. This might, though the Improvement Trust, but would not effectually remedy the evils of overcrowding. In Mr. Ibrahim's opinion the real remedy was to provide for more buildings. If the provisions in the new Bill was to be applied in a wholesale manner, a large number of people would be thrown out of house accommodation and the real remedy therefore lay in the provision of more buildings for the poor. The Board of the City Improvement Trust was at present considering an amendment of its Act with a view to facilitate the employers of labour to build chawls and buildings for their employes. Mr. Ibrahim was of opinion that some obligation ought to be imposed upon the employers of labour to provide sanitary accommodation for a certain number of their employes. It appeared to him that the question of overcrowding ought not to be tackled by providing superficial spaces, but by providing a large number of additional buildings in the city.

THE HON. MR. HUGHES.

The Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes said as previous speakers had said this Bill had been very fully and carefully considered in the Select Committee. As one of the Committee who had signed the report he approved of the Bill as amended and was prepared to vote for its Second Reading. His only regret was that the original Bill did not go a little further and provide, for instance, for the preservation of open spaces in the rear of buildings and for limiting the proportion of the area of a site that might be built upon as well as for restricting the height of buildings. He should have liked also to have included constructional restrictions for the prevention of overcrowding in new or reconstructed buildings. To his mind these were vital matters calling for stringent provisions which could only be dealt with satisfactorily by an Act of the Legislature. The Bengal Council had recognised this, and he should like to see the Code enacted for Calcutta which was modelled on the recommendations of a strong Commission, adopted with a few alterations as a part of the Bombay Municipal Act. He ventured to suggest that there should be no hesitation or delay in undertaking further legislation in that direction. The urgency could hardly be exaggerated. He would exemplify that opinion by referring to Dr. Leith's recommendation in his report on the sanitary state of Bombay. That report was written in the year 1834 and now forty years later they were only approaching his very practical ideals. It was no, too much to say that had legislation been undertaken on the lines of his recommendations at that time; Bombay to-day would be differently and there would have been no occasion to create an Improvement Trust and property would not have acquired the fictitious value from overcrowding it now had which rendered the cost of improvements in the direction of street widening and new streets almost prohibitive. He regarded the present Bill as furnishing in these matters for an instalment of what was required and begged to support its second reading.

THE HON. SIR P. M. MEHTA.

The Hon. Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta said he joined with the Hon Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola in congratulating the Hon Mr. Edgerley for the excellent piece of workmanship which he had done in connection with the Bill. He was quite sure that every member of the Select Committee would agree with him when he said that credit was largely due to Mr Edgerley as the Chairman of the Select Committee, for the report placed before them. And he might say that the promise which the Hon. Member had given while moving the first reading of the Bill that he would maintain an attitude of strict impartiality in the discussion of the various points arising in reference to the measure had been thoroughly fulfilled, and those who were present during the discussions that took place in the Select Committee would recognise that he brought to bear upon the various sections not only a thorough knowledge of every question that was discussed, but also an absolutely reasonable attitude of mind, and the result was the best piece of workmanship which they had before them. He thought his lordship's Government were wise in not embarking upon an amendment of the whole Municipal Act, and in acting up to the wishes of the Corporation, who were of opinion that it would be far better if certain chapters of the Act relating to drains and drainage, waterworks and sanitation of the city only were taken up. He was surprised to hear the suggestions of the Hon Mr Hughes, who had not laid those views before the Select Committee. With regard to the Bill itself he was thankful to the Government that they had acceded to the wishes of the Bombay Municipal Corporation in regard to the scale of salary so far as the Municipal Secretary was concerned. He also took his opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Corporation for the modification taken up at the instance of the Hon. Mr. Fulton of the clause relating to buildings for primary schools. He thought this modification would give a great impetus and would go a great way in helping them in providing such school buildings in Bombay.

RECENT CRITICISM.

Turning to other provisions of the Bill he was sorry to see certain criticism made to the effect that the Corporation in their deliberation on this important measure had been carried away by the interested views of the house owners. So far as this Bill was concerned, he ventured to say that the Corporation could claim to have given a strictly impartial consideration to it. The appointed a committee of which the Hon Mr. Dunn was a principal member and which consisted of gentlemen who were thoroughly conversant with the conditions prevailing in the city of Bombay. He must say that the recommendations made by the Committee were almost unanimously accepted not only by those members of the Committee who represented the rate-payers, but also by those representing the Government, including among others Mr. Kent and Mr Dunn. When the report of the Committee came before the Corporation they gave it careful consideration to it, but he was sorry to say that it had to be stated that whenever questions relating to the interests of the house owners were touched the Bombay Municipality became a very close Corporation indeed. As President of the Corporation he did not take part in the deliberations of the Corporation, but he ventured to say that if the discussions which took place had been fully reported, he thought better justice would have been done to that body, and it would have been found that the subject was discussed not in the interests of the house-owners but in the best interests of the city. It was in the interests of the city that the Corporation made the various suggestions which were to a great extent accepted by the Select Committee. In so far as the amendments regarding the drains and drainage and other sanitary works were concerned no possible fault could be found with them They were all in the direction of making Municipal administrations thorough and efficient. The only provisions about which question was raised were in regard to frame buildings and overcrowding. He was very much surprised to find that with regard to the clauses that were settled by the Select Committee, it was observed by the critic who seemed to him to be dealing not in arguments, but in what he ventured to say though it was a strong term to use—in unbridled violence of language that so far as the clauses relating to overcrowding were concerned the Corporation threw out the whole clauses and nothing was left. That did not correctly represent the facts. In throwing out those clauses the Corporation had not thrown out every provision relating to overcrowding. The powers which a Magistrate possessed to stop overcrowding still remained. What the Corporation did was that they strongly objected to the inquisitorial visits of the houses by day and night. He was sorry to see the critic making the statement that the Corporation threw out the clauses "on the frivolous pretext that the sanctity of the kennels, which the poor called homes, would thereby be violated." He could not conceive how a responsible writer could make use of language of that character. The Corporation did not throw out that clause on that ground. They did so because it was perfectly useless and impracticable [For it was their experience that the character of the people was such that they would allow officials to enter their premises as a matter of courtesy, but if a forcible entrance was sought they raised a storm which it was difficult to put down. In this view the Corporation were supported by their Health Officer, who had a similar experience. He submitted that the Corporation wisely decided in recommending the elimination of the clause. The Select Committee saw that their recommendation was a wise one and it was only to that extent that they yielded to it. As to the division of responsibility in respect of information to be supplied to the Commissioner with regard to the actual occupation of houses, Sir Pherozeshah again took exception to the language used by the critic that "it was the owner who escaped scot free", and said there could not have been grosser misrepresentation of the real facts of the case. The critic had been absolutely wrong in making that statement. If the critic had taken the trouble to read the section relating to responsibility, he would have found that once the Commissioner was put in possession of necessary information it was the house-owner on whose shoulders the responsibility rested. It seemed to him that the criticism which was passed with regard to the action of the Select Committee was absolutely beside the mark. He thought it was right to say a word about the attitude of the Corporation with regard to frame buildings. He had kept an absolutely open mind with regard to the matter and when it came before the Corporation he was anxious to be guided by expert opinion. It was most unfortunate that in the report of the expert Committee appointed by Government after the Sitaram Building disaster they recommended that the height of the frame-buildings should be restricted to twenty-five feet for the distinct reason not due to the building being a frame-building. It was startling circumstance, and he inquired among the architects practising in Bombay. To his surprise he was told that so far as they were concerned they were astonished that such a thing was proposed. They were aware that in Bombay 80 per cent. of the buildings were frame buildings, and it was a serious question to be considered whether all such buildings should be restricted in height in future. But with the exception of that expert Committee there was not a single architect in Bombay who was in favour of such restriction. The matter was afterwards brought before the Corporation. Mr. Dunn then moved the restriction clause, and after a full consideration the Corporation came to the conclusion that there was no justification for the proposed restriction. He might, however, say that Mr Dunn succeeded in pointing out that with regard to frame-buildings there should be some provision for securing careful supervision and good materials. For this the Bill did provide and that being so he could find nothing in Mr. Dunn's arguments. He thought the Corporation were perfectly right in saying that no case had been made out for the restriction of the height of frame-buildings. The matter was again considered fully by the Select Committee and he thought he was not stating incorrectly when he said that Mr. Dunn himself came to the opinion that the restriction as proposed was not one which it would be wise to introduce in the Bill. He suggested some modifications and even those modifications he was willing to give up after the consideration of the subject in the Select Committee, and was ready to vote for the abolition of the clause. But after all that was said and done, the Council might congratulate itself upon the almost unanimous report which Select Committee had been able to make. He expected that unanimous report had not been made that by weakly giving up points, but it had been made after deliberate care had been devoted to it by the Hon. Mr. Edgerley. He congratulated him upon having been an ideal chairman of the Select Committee, and in conclusion he again repeated that his lordship's Government were to be congratulated upon the excellent piece of workmanship that had been turned out.

The Hon. Mr. Edgerley in replying on the debate said as regarded the Hon. Mr. Hughes remarks he had to say nothing much but he thought they would recognise that if his suggestions were accepted the e could be no finality to Municipal legislation. The Bill of 1888 was passed sixteen years before and nine years afterwards practical measures were taken to again revise it. This was a process which would always go on, and he thought some years hence when another revision took place it would be based upon ideas which would then obtain. As regarded the Hon. Sir Pherozeshah's remarks he might say that the criticisms against the Corporation of which he complained were no made by the Government or anybody on their behalf. He would say that they would all recognise that the Corporation was composed of busy men who unselfishly gave their time to the work of the city, and he thought everybody in Bombay must feel grateful to them for it.

The second Reading of the Bill was then carried, and the Council then proceeded to consider it in details.

THE AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimula moved an amendment that clause 52, section 349 C, which restricted the height of frame buildings be deleted. He said the provision was unnecessary and objectionable. It might be remembered that the proposal was originally the outcome of the recommendations made by a strong Committee appointed by Government to investigate the causes which led to the Sitaram Building disaster. That Committee recommended that no frame buildings should be allowed to be erected to a greater height